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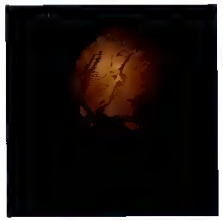

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I've been drawing manga since I was a boy. Literally drawing it every day until now. But have I become the mangaka I imagined when I was younger? Sometimes I even imagine that if I showed the manga I draw now to my childhood self, he would say "No way, this sucks." That arrogant, cheeky brat still exists within me now, slandering my work and pushing me onward.

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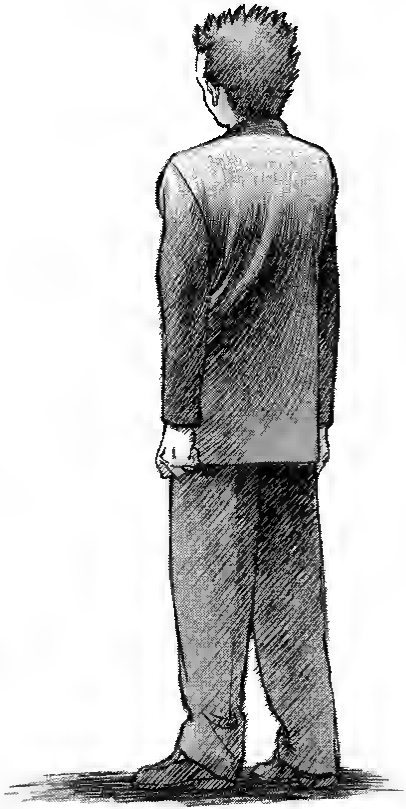


八木教広(やぎのりひろ)

MAIN CAST

Ikuko

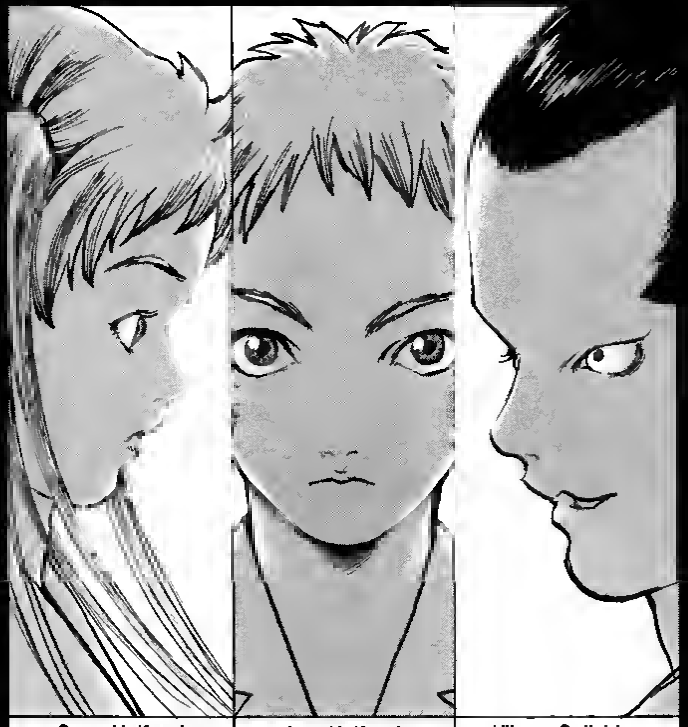
Ryoko's friend and classmate. Lately has been more and more friendly with Kitano-kun and Ikuno. Only one reader has correctly guessed what her surname is.

Koiso Ryoko

A beautiful female Kobudo martial artist learning the Koiso school of martial arts directly from her father. She sees through Kitano-kun's appearance and finds he has a pure, angelic heart. She is the only person to understand who he really is.

Shirataki Ikuno

Enters Hekikuu High School with her guidance counselor father in order to defeat Kitano-kun. After losing to Ryoko, she becomes a friend, but at Leo's request, faces down Kitano-kun again.



Sana Halford

Leo's little sister. Afraid of the devil (Kitano-kun) across the street, but gradually learns of the kindness in his heart, and warms up to him.

Leo Halford

First son of the Halford family. An upbeat, cheerful young boy who loves his sister. Seriously believes that Kitano-kun is the devil, and asks Ikuno to purge him, but...

Kitano Seiichiro

A boy with the face of a demon, but the heart of an angel. With this appearance, he became the guardian of Hekikuu High School. Despite a number of unfortunate misunderstandings, he is currently enjoying his school life very much.

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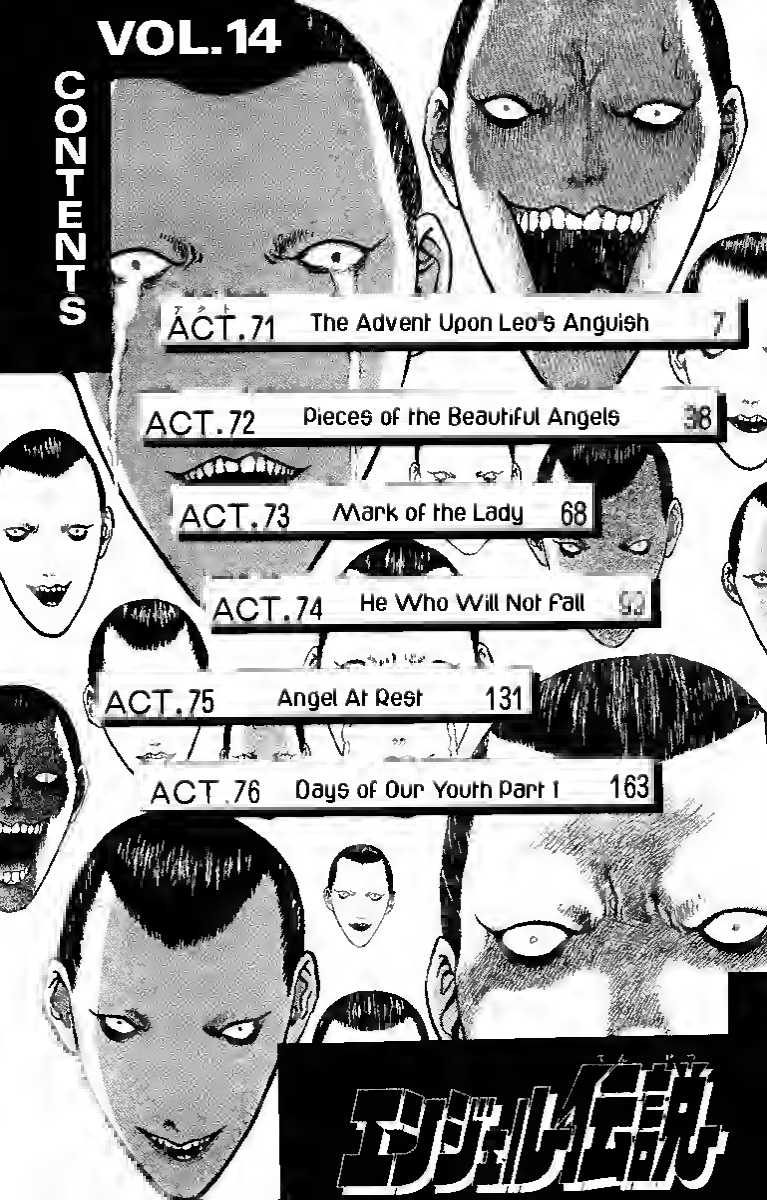

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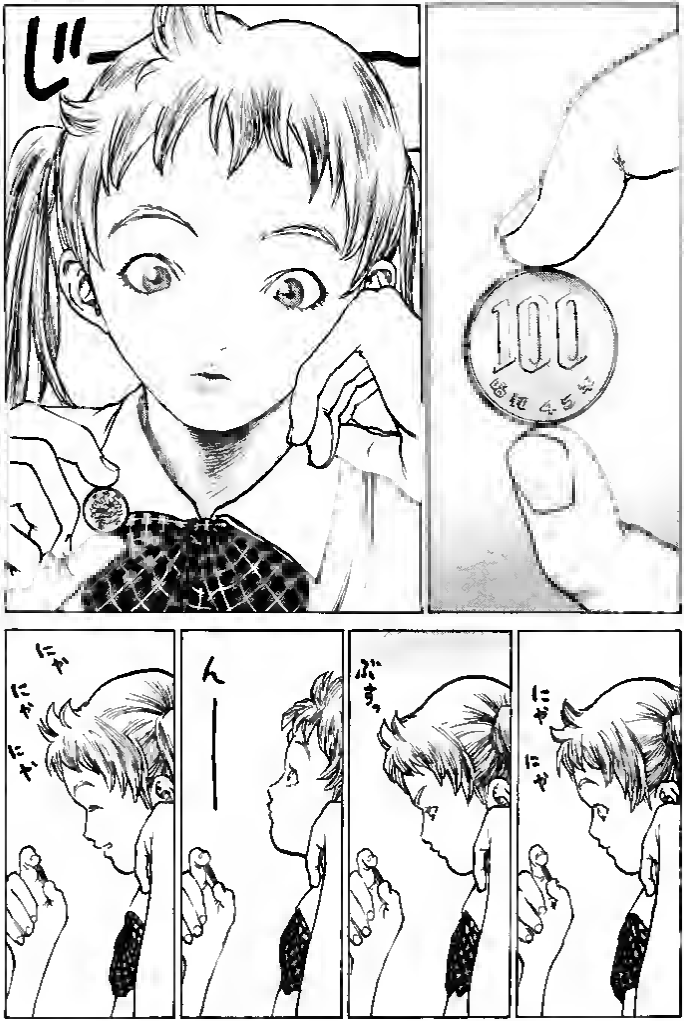
The Advent Upon Leo's Anguish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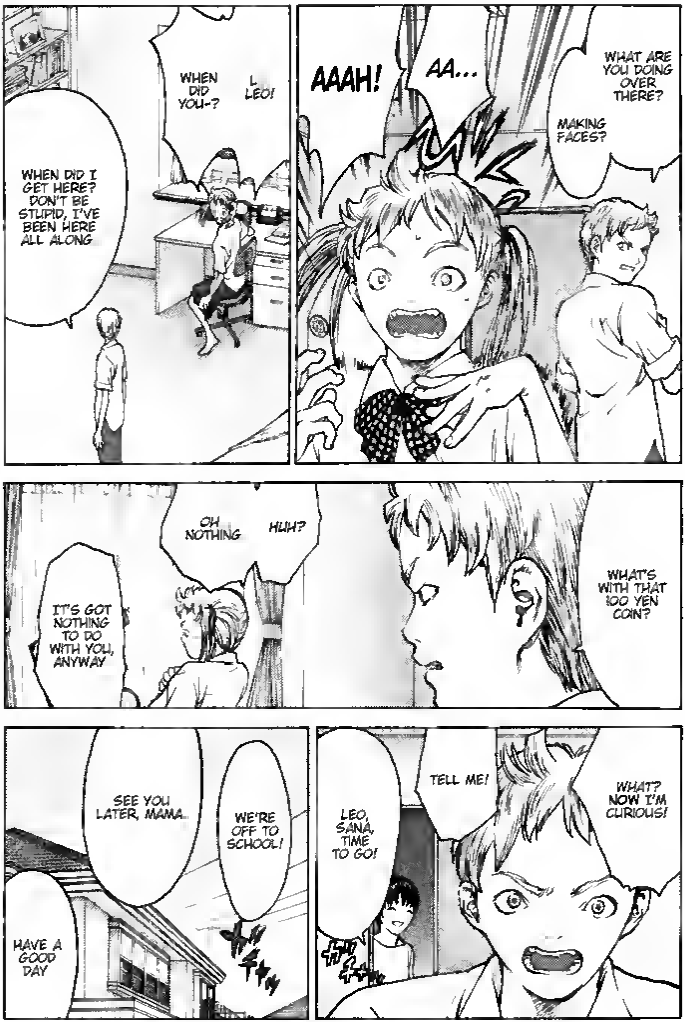
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WHEN DID YOU-?
L
LEO!
AAAH!
AA...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING OVER THERE?
MAKING FACES?
IT'S GOT NOTHING TO DO WITH YOU, ANYWAY
OH NOTHING
HUH?
WHAT'S WITH THAT 100 YEN COIN?
HAVE A GOOD DAY
SEE YOU LATER, MAMA.
WE'RE OFF TO SCHOOL!
LEO, SANA, TIME TO GO!
TELL ME!
WHAT? NOW I'M CURIOUS!

CLANK
!
I CAN'T HELP IT. WE HAD TO SEND MY NEW ONE TO THE CLEANERS AFTER IT GOT FILTHY YESTERDAY
YOU'RE WEARING YOUR OLD UNIFORM.
HEY, WHAT'S UP?
HUH ?
BUT IT WAS PARTLY YOUR FAULT FOR BREAKING OUR PROMISE
A LOT OF STUFF HAPPENED.
CLANK
AND YOU TOOK A BATH IMMEDIATELY AND WENT STRAIGHT TO BED, SO I NEVER FOUND OUT
OH, RIGHT! WHAT HAPPENED LAST NIGHT? YOU AND PAPA CAME HOME COVERED IN DIRT!
!

AA-
AAAAHH!
OH, GOOD MORNING...
HUH?
OH,
GOOD MORNING, DEVIL-SAN.
HELLO, SANA-CHAN
HOW ARE YOU TODAY?
R-RUN, SANA, RUN!
THE DEVIL!
THE DEVIL!
IT'S HIM!
KEEP RUNNING UNTIL THE FLAME INSIDE YOU BLOWS OUT AND YOU CAN'T GO ANY FURTHER!

HUH?
HUH?
HUH?
GOOD
I FEEL MUCH BETTER AFTER A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP
I... I FELL RIGHT ASLEEP AFTER TAKING A BATH LAST NIGHT...
OH, I DID TOO
IT WAS A PRETTY TIRING ORDEAL ALL AROUND.
WELL, I'M OFF TO SCHOOL...
I'LL BE LATE ENOUGH AS IT IS
OKAY
BYE
BUT... BUT ALL I DID WAS CRY...
NO, SANA-CHAN I THOUGHT YOU WERE VERY BRAVE IN THAT SITUATION
R REALLY...?
.....
たたたた

WHY ARE YOU HAVING NORMAL CONVERSATIONS WITH THE DEVIL?!
WHAT'S GOING ON?!
OUCH! UNCLE UNCLE!
ぎゅ
SANAAAA!
GRACK!
HE'S A NICE PERSON.
HE PICKED UP MY 100 YEN COIN FOR ME
ちら
!
WHAT IN THE WORLD HAPPENED YESTERDAY?!
WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON?!
SANA!
COFF COFF
COFF

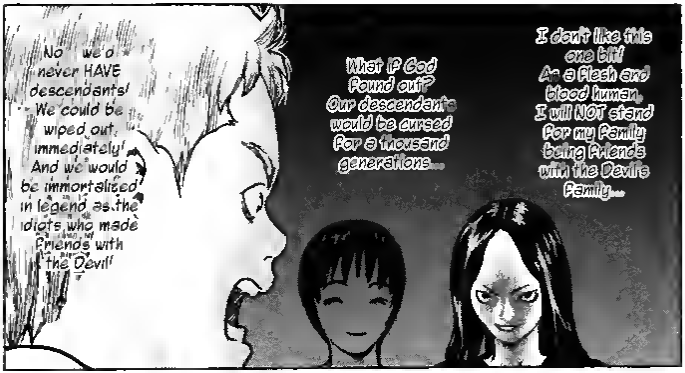
S... SANAA AAAA!
O... OPEN YOUR EYES!
YOU'RE BEING DECEIVED! GET A GRIP, SANAAAA!
OW!
OW!
OW!
BWUFF!
STOP THAT!!
HE'S A NICE, GOOD PERSON, AND THAT'S THAT!
HE TRIED HIS HARDEST TO HELP ME YESTERDAY! HE WAS TRYING TO SAVE ME!
YAAGH!

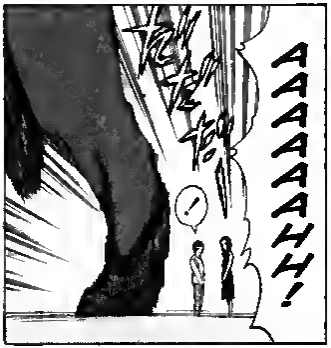
AND HE PICKED IT UP FOR ME!
I DROPPED MY 100 YEN COIN!
THEN WE FELL IN A HOLE!
AND HE JUMPED OUT OF IT FOR ME!
HE'S TRICKING YOU!
YOU IDIOT, YOU'RE FALLING RIGHT INTO HIS SUBTLE AND CLEVER TRAP!
HE'S TRYING TO INVADE YOUR HEART!
HE'S NOT, HE'S NOT, HE'S NOT!
THE DEVIL IS PLAYING YOU FOR A FOOL! OPEN YOUR EYEEES!
ON!
ON!
ON!
GET A GRIP ON YOURSELF!
SANA-AAA!
YOU STUBBORN PIG!
YOU POOP-DRIPPER!
LEO, YOU JERK!
BWEH!
STOP DOING THAT!

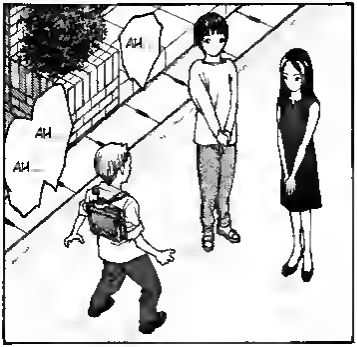
I'M OFF TO WORKING
CLICK
HAVE A GOOD DAY, DEAR
!
SANA...
SA
Poopohppp?
YES! THE DEVIL WHO LIVES ACROSS THE STREET!
DEVIL!
SANA'S BEING LED AROUND BY THE NOSE BY THE DEVIL!
Y-YOU GOTTA HELP!
P PAPA!
!
YOU CAN'T LET THE DEVIL HELP YOU...
N... NO! NO, PAPA!
IT'S ALL A CLEVER AND SUBTLE RUSE!
HE WAS VERY HELPFUL YESTERDAY...
THE DEVIL-KUN WHO LIVES ACROSS THE STREET
OHHH
HUH?
HUH?
HUH?

HUH?
NOW IS THE MOMENT FOR PAPA TO SCRAMBLE
UH-OH, NO TIME
HE'S NOT A GOOD PERSON! THAT'S WHY WE CALL HIM THE DEVIL!
HAVE NO FEAR. DEVIL-KUN IS A GOOD PERSON
P... PAPAAAA!
HAVE A GOOD TIMES, MY LEO!
PAPA MUST BE LIKE THE WIND!
AH, HELLO AGAIN
OH, GOOD MORNING
MAMA WILL UNDER-STAND!
I KNOW SHE
M-MAMA!
WHAT'S HAPPENING HERE...?
W-WHAT THE HECK IS GOING ON?

YOU'RE STILL HERE?
OH, LEO
!
MAMA
M...
HOLD IT
OH, YES HE BROUGHT THE MOVING-IN SOBA OVER THE OTHER DAY
OH!
THIS IS LEO, MY ELDEST
OH! THEN YOU'VE ALREADY MET
SHE EVEN TOLD ME GOOD CHEAP STORES IN THE AREA...
SHE GAVE ME A LOT OF HELP YESTERDAY.
W... WHEN DID YOU GET TO BE FRIENDS...
How could the Devil's plot have worked so quickly behind my back...?
Wh... What's going on...?
Already it's like we're best family friends with his demonic clan...
YES, I HOPE SO
I'M SURE YOU'LL BE BEST OF FRIENDS IN NO TIME.
SHE HAS A SON WHO'S ONE YEAR OLDER THAN YOU, LEO.
AH
AH
AH


No... we'd never HAVE descendants! We could be wiped out immediately! And we would be immortalized in legend as the idiots who made friends with the Devil!
What if God found out? Our descendants would be cursed for a thousand generations...
I don't like this one bit! As a flesh and blood human, I will NOT stand for my family being friends with the Devil's family...


AAAAAAAH!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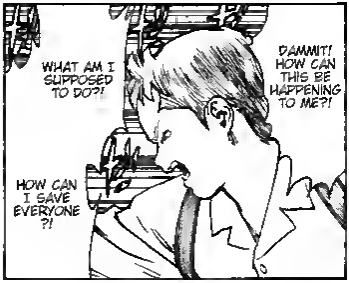
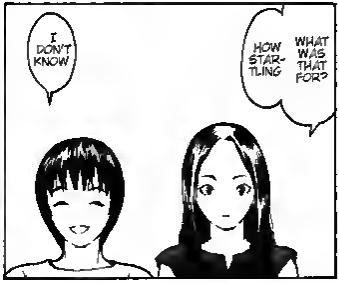

WHAT AM I SUPPOSED TO DO?!
DAMMIT! HOW CAN THIS BE HAPPENING TO ME?!
HOW CAN I SAVE EVERYONE?!

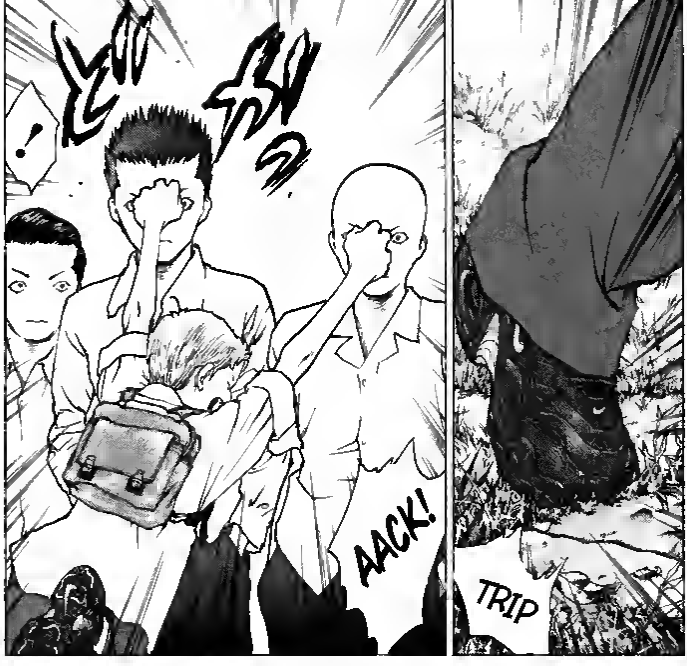

I DON'T KNOW
HOW STARTLING
WHAT WAS THAT FOR?

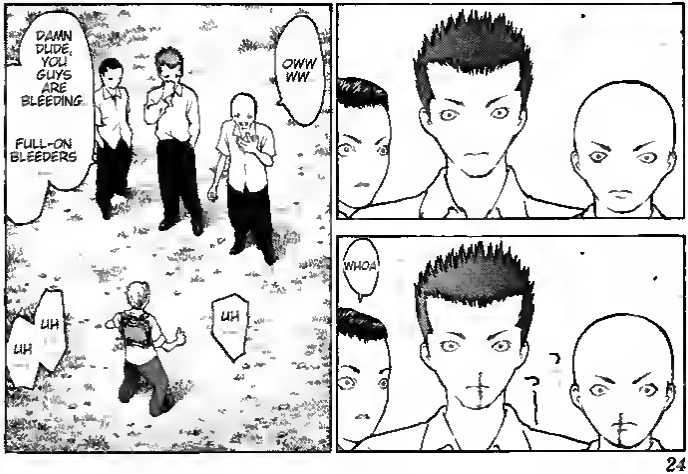
GRR
GRR
GRR
CHEW
CHEW
HOW AM I SUPPOSED TO SAVE MY FAMILY FROM THE DEVIL ALL BY MYSELF?
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
SHIT!
DAMMIT... I CAN'T...
I JUST CAN'T DO IT ON MY OWN... I NEED SOMEONE... SOMEONE TO HELP ME...
SNIFF SNIFF
UGH...
Z" ! Z" !

FLUFF
!
AACK!

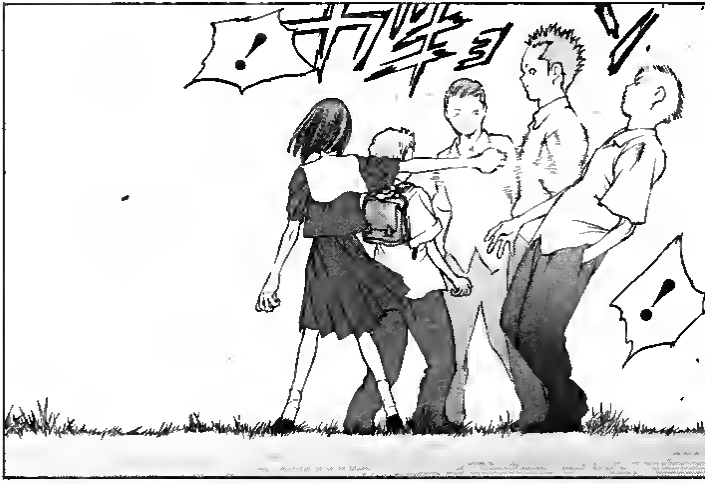
An angel ...?
Huh...
!
Uh
Uh
Uh
!
Huh?
Huh?
Sniff

BASED ON YOUR STATURE, FRAME MUSCULATURE, GAZE, WAY OF SITTING AND OVERALL PRESENCE, YOU DON'T STAND A CHANCE OF BEATING ME
AS A WARNING IF YOU'RE LOOKING FOR A FIGHT, I WOULDN'T COME BARKING UP THIS TREE
WHAT? YOU GOT SOMETHING TO SAY?
FLINCH
IT'S TRUE THAT I AM AT FAULT FOR NOT WAKING UP AT THE REQUIRED TIME THIS MORNING, BUT I DON'T SEE ANY NEED TO BE INSULTED BY A BOY I'VE NEVER MET BEFORE
UH
UH
OR IS THAT YOUR OWN PERSONAL PROBLEMS ASIDE, YOU JUST DON'T LIKE THE FACT THAT I'M OUT AND ABOUT AT THIS PLACE AND TIME?
ISN'T THERE ANYONE NORMAL IN THIS TOWN?!
WAAAHHHH, I HATE THIS PLACE!
!
Normal?
UH...
UH...
UH...


AACK!
TRIP


DAMN DUDE, YOU GUYS ARE BLEEDING
FULL-ON BLEEDERS
OWW WW
UH
UH
UH
WHOA

WHAT THE FUCK, BITCH?
YOU AREN'T EVEN GONNA APOLOGIZE?
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN? YOU WANT A FIGHT?
UH
UH
UH
HUH?
すっ
UH
SO...
I'M
HEH, I GUESS HE'S FOREIGN
HE DON'T EVEN KNOW HOW TO SPEAK JAPANESE
HEH
FUCK YOU, DICK! WHEN YOU LIVE IN JAPAN,
YOU AT LEAST GOTTA PLAY BY OUR RULES ENOUGH TO KNOW "THANK YOU" AND "I'M SORRY"!
I KNOW YOU GOTTA KNOW THAT MUCH AT LEAST, FUCKIN' BARBARIAN!
AAAH!
ALL RIGHT BOYS, LET'S GIVE HIM AN OLD-FASHIONED JAPANESE WORKOVER!
GET WRECKED!
ムカッ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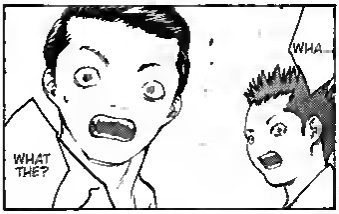
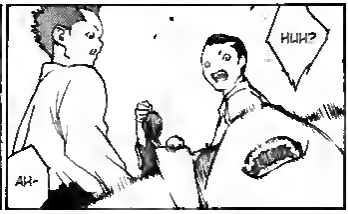

WHA...
WHAT THE?


HUH?
AH-

MY HAND SLIPPED
SORRY

FUCK THAT!
EVERYONE MAKES MISTAKES.
I TOLD YOU, MY HAND SLIPPED
WHAT THE FUCK'S YOUR PROBLEM, YOU CUNT?!
F... FUCK YOU, BITCH!
YOU'RE TRYING TO RESCUE HIM!
AHA! YOU KNOW HIM, THAT'S IT!
!
AND HOW CAN YOUR HAND "SLIP" INTO DOING A BACKHAND INTO HIS FACE?!
I ALREADY TOLD YOU, MY HAND SLIPPED
YOU'RE OBVIOUSLY TRYING TO RESCUE HIM FROM US!
LIAR! WHY THE HELL DID YOU COME UP AND START SOCKING US, THEN?!
DON'T BE STUPID. I DON'T KNOW THIS LITTLE BLOND BOY.

OBVIOUSLY! I CAN'T IMAGINE WHAT THE HELL ELSE YOU'RE TRYING TO DO!
DOES IT LOOK LIKE I'M TRYING TO RESCUE HIM?
.....
I ALSO FELT LIKE I RAN INTO THEM AND HIT THEM WITHOUT THINKING BACK THEN, TOO
ACTUALLY, THIS HAPPENED BEFORE IT WAS WHEN THREE GIRLS WERE SURROUNDED BY FOUR MEN...
HUH?
BUT HE'S RIGHT, A BACKHAND TO THE FACE SEEMS ODD FOR AN UNCONSCIOUS THING...
WEIRD. I ABSOLUTELY THOUGHT IT WAS AN UNCONSCIOUS MISTAKE
.....

MAYBE I AM TRYING TO SAVE HIM...
THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN SAYING THIS WHOLE TIME!
THIS IS QUITE A SURPRISE...
I'M A LOT NICER OF A PERSON THAN I THOUGHT.
WHY THE HELL WOULD I GIVE YOU A COMPLIMENT, BITCH! FUCK THAT!
PAY ME A COMPLI-MENT
I HAD ENOUGH OF THIS SHIT...
FUCKIN' JOKE...
I'MA SMACK THIS BITCH UP.
ドン
AND AFTER I KNOCK YOU OUT, I'M TOTALLY GONNA LIFT UP YOUR SKIRT AND CHECK YOUR PANTIES
GET READY FOR THAT
すい
……
HEHEHE!
W-WE'RE IN DANGER NOW!
LET'S RUN AWAY...
!
Danger!?
PLEASE!

YOU'RE NOT SUCH A BAD KID
!
ぽん
T-THIS IS MY FAULT, SO I'LL BE A DECOY OR SOMETHING!
YOU DON'T WANT THEM TO SEE YOUR PANTIES!
YOU RUN AWAY WHILE I'M STOPPING THEM!
THESE BAD BOYS DON'T STAND A CHANCE
WITH TWO GOOD PEOPLE TOGETHER...
WAIT, NO...
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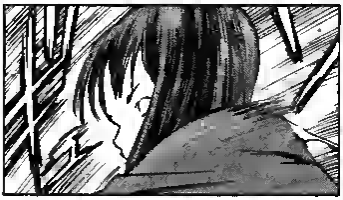

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BARG!
BWUF!
GREB!
FOOG!

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BITCH
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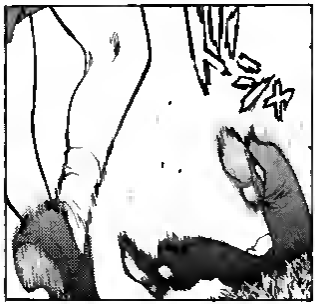
PANTIES



GUH...

WHEW

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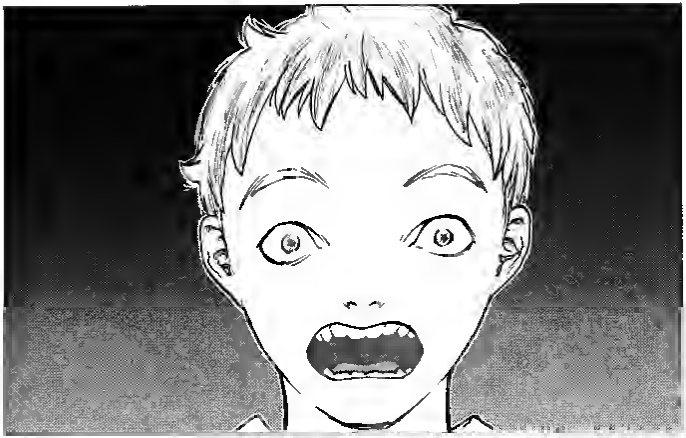
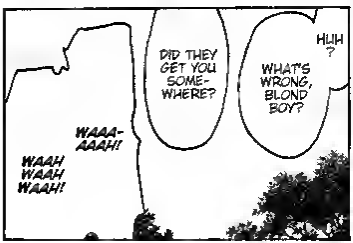
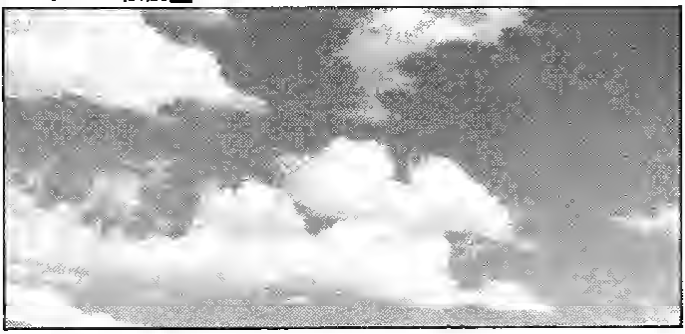


WAAAAH!
UHW-AAAH
UH
UHUH
UH

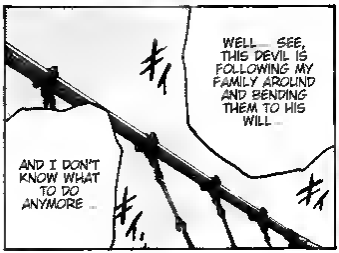

WAAH WAAH WAAH!
WAAA-AAAH!
DID THEY GET YOU SOME-WHERE?
HUH?
WHAT'S WRONG, BLOND BOY?

AND THERE YOU HAVE IT
HOW WAS THAT, BLOND BOY?



NOPE
NEVER HEARD OF HIM
THIS DEVIL...
DO YOU KNOW HIM, IKUNO-SAN?

THAT SOUNDS LIKE A TERRIBLE SITUATION
YOUR FAMILY, AND THE DEVIL...?
YES...


WELL... SEE, THIS DEVIL IS FOLLOWING MY FAMILY AROUND AND BENDING THEM TO HIS WILL...
AND I DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO ANYMORE...

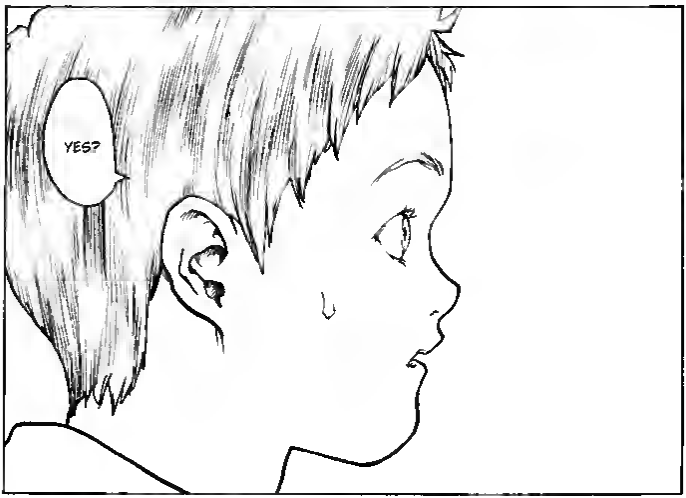
OHHH
THAT'S WEIRD ACCORDING TO ALL MY FRIENDS IN CLASS, HE'S REALLY FAMOUS AROUND TOWN...
HMMMM, CAN'T SAY I HAVE AN IDEA OF WHO IT IS...

I CAN DO IT...
WOULD YOU LIKE SOME HELP, THEN?
TH THANK YOU SO MUCH!
BUT IT COULD BE INTERESTING TO FIGHT A CREATURE NOT OF THIS WORLD
PLUS, I DON'T KNOW WHO HE IS,
BUT GOING UP AGAINST THE DEVIL SOUNDS JUST A LITTLE UNFAIR.
NORMALLY, I WOULD TELL YOU TO SEIZE YOUR OWN PATH,
YES
R-REALLY ?!
WHAT ?
I WILL!
WELL, WHATEVER. IF THAT'S HOW YOU'D LIKE TO THINK, GO AHEAD
OH... WELL, THAT'S JUST WHAT I THOUGHT THE FIRST INSTANT I SAW YOU!
HUH? WHAT'S THAT?
I KNEW IT! I KNEW YOU WERE AN ANGEL, IKUNO-SAN!

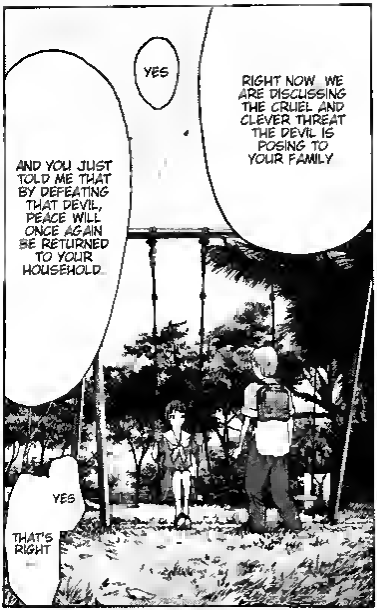
WOW, SOUNDS LIKE YOU'RE ALL SET
AND I KNOW EXACTLY WHERE TO FIND HIM!
YES, I HEARD ALL ABOUT HIM FROM PEOPLE YESTERDAY, TOO!
HE GOES TO HEKIKUU HIGH SCHOOL, AND I THINK HIS HUMAN NAME IS KITANO SEIICHIRO.
OH WELL!
IF YOU COULD JUST BEAT THE DEVIL LIKE YOU DID WITH THOSE GUYS
USUALLY IN STORIES LIKE THIS, THE CURSE IS LIFTED WHEN YOU BEAT THE BAD GUY.
TO HELP
SO WHAT DO I HAVE TO ACTUALLY DO?
SKWIK
HUH?
MAN, WHO CARES ABOUT THAT CHICK
IS SHE SICK?
WEIRD, I DON'T SEE IKUNO-CHAN

ACT.72
Pieces of the
Beautiful Angels

LISTEN CLOSELY TO ME, BLOND BOY.


YES?

HMMM

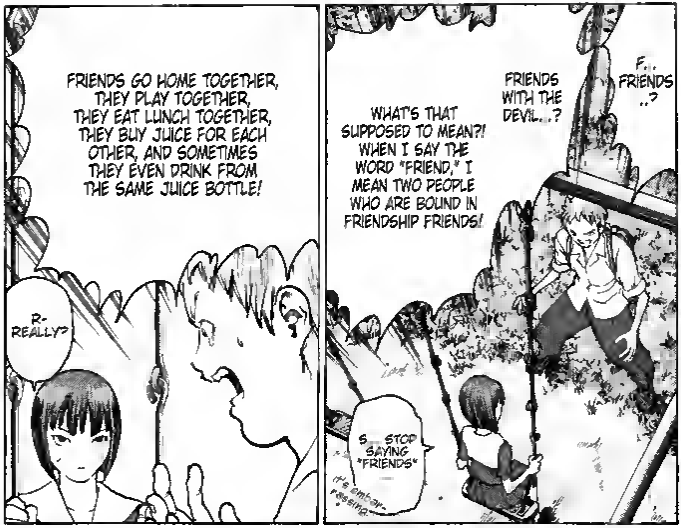

RIGHT NOW WE ARE DISCUSSING THE CRUEL AND CLEVER THREAT THE DEVIL IS POSING TO YOUR FAMILY
YES
AND YOU JUST TOLD ME THAT BY DEFEATING THAT DEVIL, PEACE WILL ONCE AGAIN BE RETURNED TO YOUR HOUSEHOLD...
YES
THAT'S RIGHT

SO WHAT DOES SEIICHIRO HAVE TO DO WITH THIS?
HUH?

HE IS THE DEVIL KITANO SEIICHIRO, WITH THE SKIN OF A HUMAN AND THE FACE OF A DEMON!
HE IS THAT VERY DEVIL I SPOKE OF!
!

I IKUNO-SAN, DO YOU KNOW HIM?!
YOU KNOW KITANO SEIICHIRO?
HM, WELL, YES

SEIICHIRO IS THE DEVIL?
THAT'S RIGHT!
HE IS THE INCARNATION OF SATAN. THE HORRIBLE, DESPICABLE DEVIL OF HEKIKUU TOWN!
I HAD NO IDEA SEIICHIRO, THE DEVIL...
TRUE, HOWEVER, HIS SENSE FOR BATTLE SEEMS BEYOND HUMAN CAPABILITY
BUT...
.....
P... PARDON ME, BUT, HOW DO YOU KNOW KITANO SEIICHIRO, IKUNO-SAN?
!
WE'RE F...
F...
F...
FRIENDS?
WH...
WHAAAT?!


FRIENDS GO HOME TOGETHER, THEY PLAY TOGETHER, THEY EAT LUNCH TOGETHER, THEY BUY JUICE FOR EACH OTHER, AND SOMETIMES THEY EVEN DRINK FROM THE SAME JUICE BOTTLE!
R-REALLY?
WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?! WHEN I SAY THE WORD "FRIEND," I MEAN TWO PEOPLE WHO ARE BOUND IN FRIENDSHIP FRIENDS!
FRIENDS WITH THE DEVIL...?
F... FRIENDS ..?
S... STOP SAYING "FRIENDS"
it's embarrassing

YOU CAN'T DO IT, IKUNO-SAN!
YOU CAN'T BE FRIENDS . WITH HIM...
HE'S A SLAUGHTERER!
HE'S THE DEVIL!
THE KING OF DESTRUCTION!

IS A GOOD GUY!
BUT SEIICHIRO
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YOU KNOW WHY WE CALL THE DEVIL THE DEVIL?! BECAUSE YOU CAN'T SPELL DEVIL WITHOUT EVIL!
HE'S THE DEVIL! HE CAN'T POSSIBLY BE A GOOD PERSON!
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?!
DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT YOU'RE SAYING, IKUNO-SAN?! GET A HOLD OF YOURSELF!
KITANO SEIICHIRO IS A GOOD GUY, NOT THE DEVIL
THEN SEIICHIRO ISN'T THE DEVIL AFTER ALL
THEY DON'T CALL GOOD PEOPLE THE DEVIL!
BUT SEIICHIRO IS A GOOD GUY

AH...
AH...
AH...
M-MY FAMILY IS BEING EXPOSED TO THE DEVIL'S THREATS...
IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME BEFORE WE BREAK APART...
I THINK YOU MUST BE MISTAKEN
I HAVE THAT KIND OF FEELING THAT TELLS YOU SEIICHIRO WOULDN'T DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT
WAHHHHH! EVEN IKUNO-SAN IS BEING LED ON BY THE DEVIL!
IT MUST BE ONE OF THOSE WICKED, SINFUL, DEVILISH ADULT RELATIONSHIPS!
WAIT A MINUTE...
GIVE THOSE LITTLE BOY FANTASIES A REST. THERE
.....
IT'S HOPE-LESS
JUST WHEN I'D MET MY GUARDIAN ANGEL...
I'M STILL ALL ALONE
MY FAMILY IS DOOMED TO DESTRUCTION

YOU WANT ME TO BEAT KITANO SEIICHIRO, RIGHT?
OKAY I'LL BEAT HIM.
HUH ?!
WHATEVER THE REASON
A PROMISE IS A PROMISE
I SAID IT ONCE, SO I SHOULD STICK BY MY WORD
R-REALLY, IKUNO-SAN?!
A WARRIOR NEVER RENEGES ON HIS WORD
NOT THAT I AM A WARRIOR
I KNEW YOU WERE MY ANGEL, AFTER ALL!
I'M SO HAPPY, I'M SO HAPPY!
.....
IKUNO-SAN, IKUNO-SAN!
THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!

HUH?
I HAVE TO BEAT HIM, RIGHT?
KITANO SEIICHIRO
NOW THEN...
LET'S GET GOING...
B-BUT DON'T WE NEED A PLAN, OR...
LIKE USUALLY WHEN YOU KNOW THE ENEMY'S STATUS, YOU THINK OF A STRATEGY OR SOMETHING...
NO NEED.
BUT RIGHT NOW?
GOOD DEEDS MUST BE DONE QUICKLY
IF YOU WANT TO CALL THIS A GOOD DEED.

I WILL FACE HIM HEAD-ON,
AND CRUSH HIM IN A MAN-TO-MAN FACEOFF.
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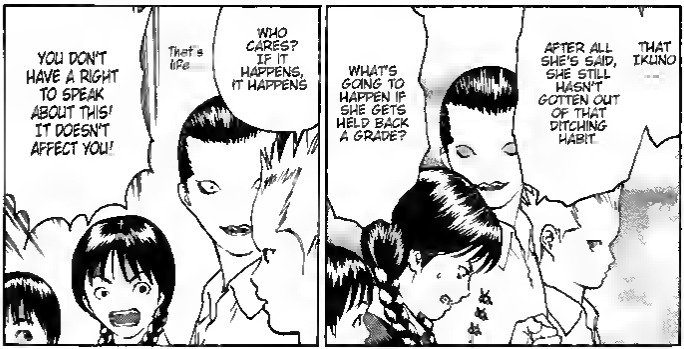
ン
B... BUT...
THEY SAY, KNOW YOURSELF, KNOW YOUR OPPONENT, AND YADDA YADDA...
DON'T WORRY. I KNOW MYSELF AND MY OPPONENT.
HUH?
I TOLD YOU WE WERE FRIENDS
IT'S NOT AN OPPONENT I NEED INFO ON...
PLUS...
I HAVE ALWAYS WANTED TO FIGHT HIM SERIOUSLY, AT LEAST ONCE

SO IKUNO NEVER EVEN CAME TO SCHOOL TODAY?
WHAAAAT ?!

NOPE
I DON'T. BUT WHEN WE WALKED HOME YESTERDAY SHE SEEMED FINE, SO I DON'T THINK SHE'S SICK.
YEAH I THOUGHT MAYBE YOU WOULD KNOW WHY.


YOU DON'T HAVE A RIGHT TO SPEAK ABOUT THIS! IT DOESN'T AFFECT YOU!
That's life.
WHO CARES? IF IT HAPPENS, IT HAPPENS
WHAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN IF SHE GETS HELD BACK A GRADE?
AFTER ALL SHE'S SAID, SHE STILL HASN'T GOTTEN OUT OF THAT DITCHING HABIT.
THAT IKUNO...

I WANT EVERYONE TO GET TO THE NEXT GRADE TOGETHER!
SHE'S FINALLY LEARNED HOW TO BE FRIENDS WITH EVERYONE IN CLASS!
IF SHE GETS HELD BACK, SHE'LL HAVE TO START OVER WITH AN ENTIRELY NEW CLASS OF PEOPLE!
BESIDES, JUST BECAUSE YOU GET HELD BACK
DOESN'T MEAN YOU SHOULD TRY TO PULL OTHERS DOWN WITH YOU!
HUH?
W...
WHAT, BITCH? WHO SAID I GET HELD BACK? THAT'S CRAZY!
WH...
WHAT...?
HUH...
I JUST CAN'T STAND THAT SHE ALWAYS DITCHES SCHOOL AND STUFF... SO...
N-NO, IT'S NOT THAT!
RYOKO...
RYOKO-CHAN...
IT'S NOTHING TO BE SHY ABOUT
RYOKO-CHAN.
THAT'S COOL
WOW, YOU REALLY DO THINK ABOUT LOTS OF STUFF.
HUH?
HUH?
HUH?
RYOKO
OH

!
HMM?
AH
AH

HMM
NOT GOOD...
SEIICHIRO ALONE WOULD BE ONE THING
BUT WITH RYOKO AND BLONDIE #1, I HAVE VIRTUALLY NO HOPE OF WINNING
HUH?
I... IKUNO!
IKUNO-CHAN!
!
DAMMIT!
IKUNOOOO!
AH
AH
W..
PLUS SHE SEEMS ANGRY AND READY TO FIGHT
THIS LOWERS MY CHANCES EVEN MORE
WAAH!

AAACK!
WE'RE RUNNING, BLONDIE #2
WHICH MEANS
!
GRAB
OH!
HUH?

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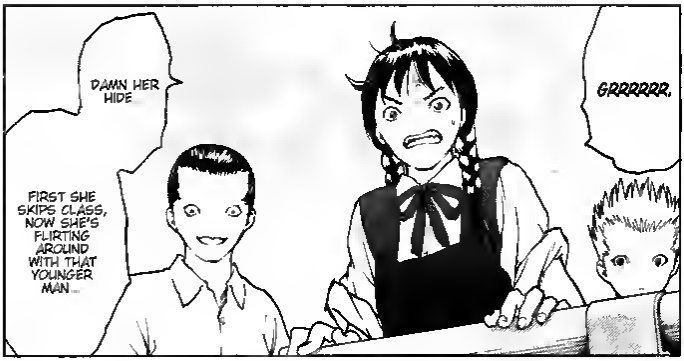
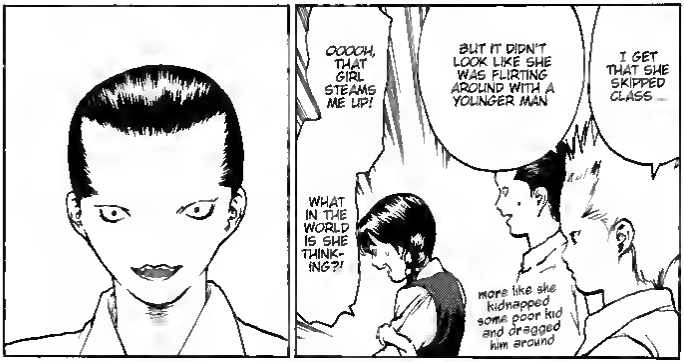
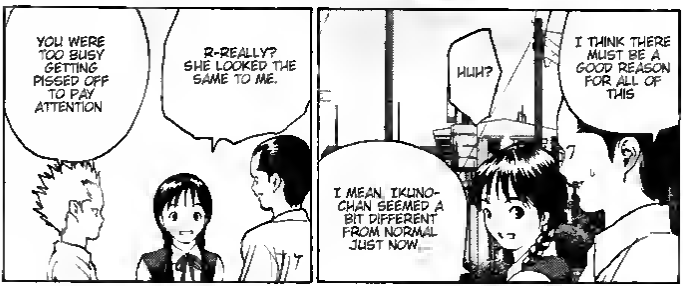
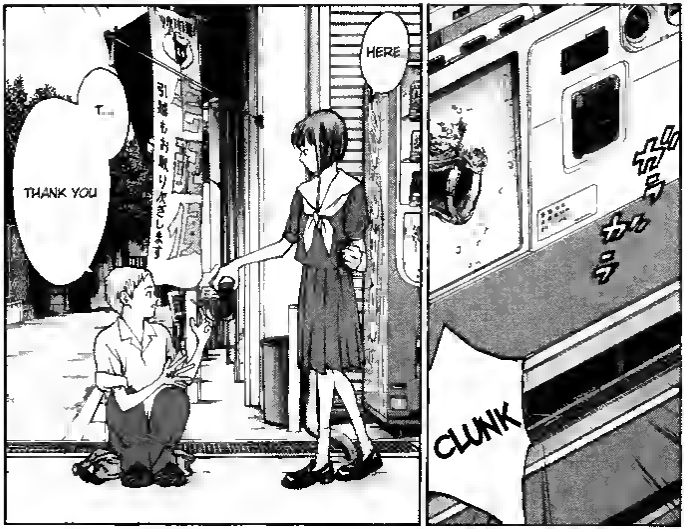
WHAT THE?!
OOOH
NOW RUN, BLONDIE #2
GET BACK HERE, IKUNO!
Y-YES MA'AM


DAMN HER HIDE
FIRST SHE SKIPS CLASS, NOW SHE'S FLIRTING AROUND WITH THAT YOUNGER MAN...
GRRRRRR.

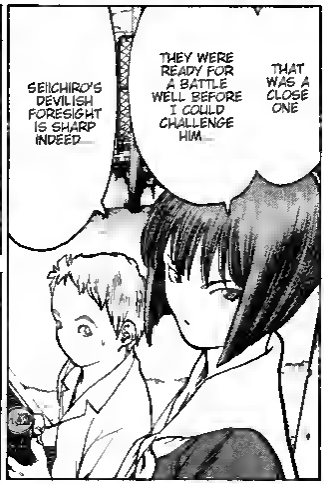

I GET THAT SHE SKIPPED CLASS...
BUT IT DIDN'T LOOK LIKE SHE WAS FLIRTING AROUND WITH A YOUNGER MAN
OOOOH, THAT GIRL STEAMS ME UP!
WHAT IN THE WORLD IS SHE THINKING?!
more like she kidnapped some poor kid and dragged him around

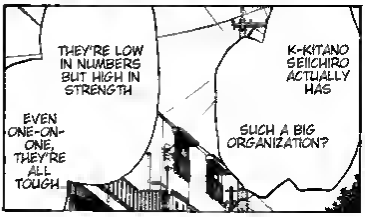

I THINK THERE MUST BE A GOOD REASON FOR ALL OF THIS
HUH?
I MEAN, IKUNO-CHAN SEEMED A BIT DIFFERENT FROM NORMAL JUST NOW...
R-REALLY? SHE LOOKED THE SAME TO ME.
YOU WERE TOO BUSY GETTING PISSED OFF TO PAY ATTENTION

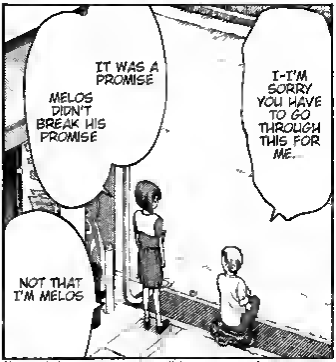
IKUKO-CHAN...
I... I GOT THE SAME FEELING...
.....
WHAT?! YOU'RE THE ONE WHO STARTED BUTTING INTO ME AND KITANO-SAN'S FRIENDSHIP!
WHAT? WHY DON'T YOU SHUT UP!
WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS FOLLOWING US AROUND?!
LIKE THE WAY SHE LOOKED WHEN WE FIRST MET HER...
SHE LOOKED LIKE SHE WAS CHALLENGING US...
.....
I'M ALWAYS BEING CONSIDERATE, BUT SOMETIMES YOU GOTTA TAKE A BREAK!
WHY CAN'T YOU BE MORE CONSIDERATE TO ME!


HERE
T...
THANK YOU
CLUNK

UM...
W-WHO WERE THEY...?
THEY'RE LIKE SEIICHIRO'S PERSONAL GUARD
THEY PROTECT HIM, AND FIGHT OFF DANGER TO HIS PERSON


THAT WAS A CLOSE ONE
THEY WERE READY FOR A BATTLE WELL BEFORE I COULD CHALLENGE HIM...
SEIICHIRO'S DEVILISH FORESIGHT IS SHARP INDEED...


K-KITANO SEIICHIRO ACTUALLY HAS
SUCH A BIG ORGANIZATION?
THEY'RE LOW IN NUMBERS BUT HIGH IN STRENGTH
EVEN ONE-ON-ONE, THEY'RE ALL TOUGH



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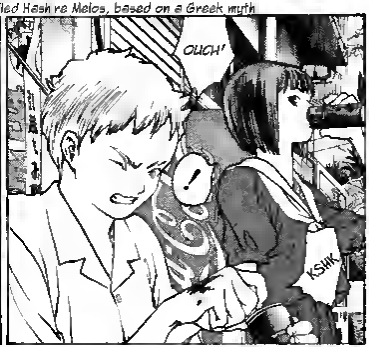
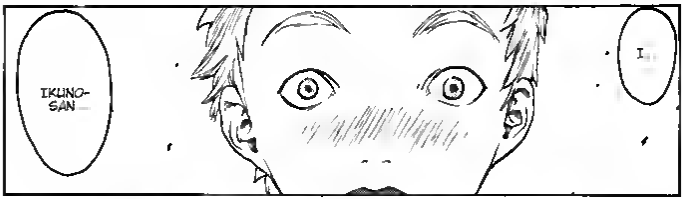
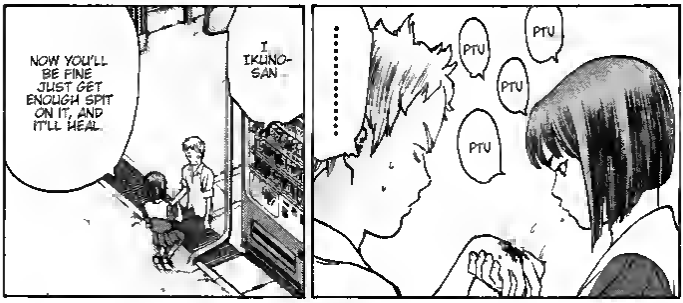


UH
NEXT TIME, COVER YOUR HEAD WHEN YOU FALL
THAT HAPPENED BECAUSE YOU STUCK YOUR HANDS UP WHEN YOU FELL
WELL, YOU'RE AN IDIOT
HUH?
N-NEXT TIME...?


IKUNO-SAN...
I...


NOW YOU'LL BE FINE JUST GET ENOUGH SPIT ON IT, AND IT'LL HEAL.
I IKUNO-SAN...
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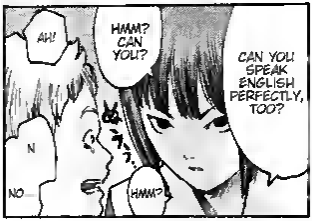
N... NO, I... I DON'T MEAN THAT...
WHAT? YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE DISINFECTING PROPERTIES OF SALIVA? IT CAN EVEN WIPE OUT TEETH PLAQUE
I DON'T KNOW IF THEY WORK ON SCRAPE WOUNDS, THOUGH...
LIH... UMM, IKUNO-SAN...
WHAT?
D... DON'T TAKE THIS PERSONALLY, OKAY?
WHAT IS IT?
W... WHY ARE YOU LIKE THAT, EXACTLY...?
YOU'RE SO BEAUTIFUL, BUT...
IT'S LIKE, IT'S GOING TO WASTE...
I MEAN..
HUH? HOW SO?
I... I SAID YOU...
HUH?
ME WHAT?
Y-YOU'RE BEAUTI-FUL...

THAT'S VERY TRUE.
I WAS TRAINED DIRECTLY BY MY FATHER, SO EVEN I HAVE TO ADMIT THAT MY BACKHAND ARC IS QUITE BEAUTIFUL.
N-NO... I'M NOT TALKING ABOUT YOUR FIGHTING MOVES!
I MEAN YOU YOURSELF ARE BEAUTIFUL, IKUNO-SAN!
OHH, REALLY?
THAT'S THE FIRST TIME ANYONE'S SAID THAT.
WHA
REALLY?
BUT BUT I BET EVERYONE THINKS IT
S-SO WHAT I MEAN IS,
YOUR FIGHTING STYLE ASIDE, I JUST THINK IT'S A SHAME THAT YOU'RE SO ROUGH AND MASCULINE.
PEOPLE SUDDENLY STOP MOVING WHEN CONFRONTED WITH THE UNEXPECTED. I CAN USE THIS IN BATTLE.
I'LL TRY IT ON RYOKO SOME-TIME
BUT THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO ABOUT IT
HUH?

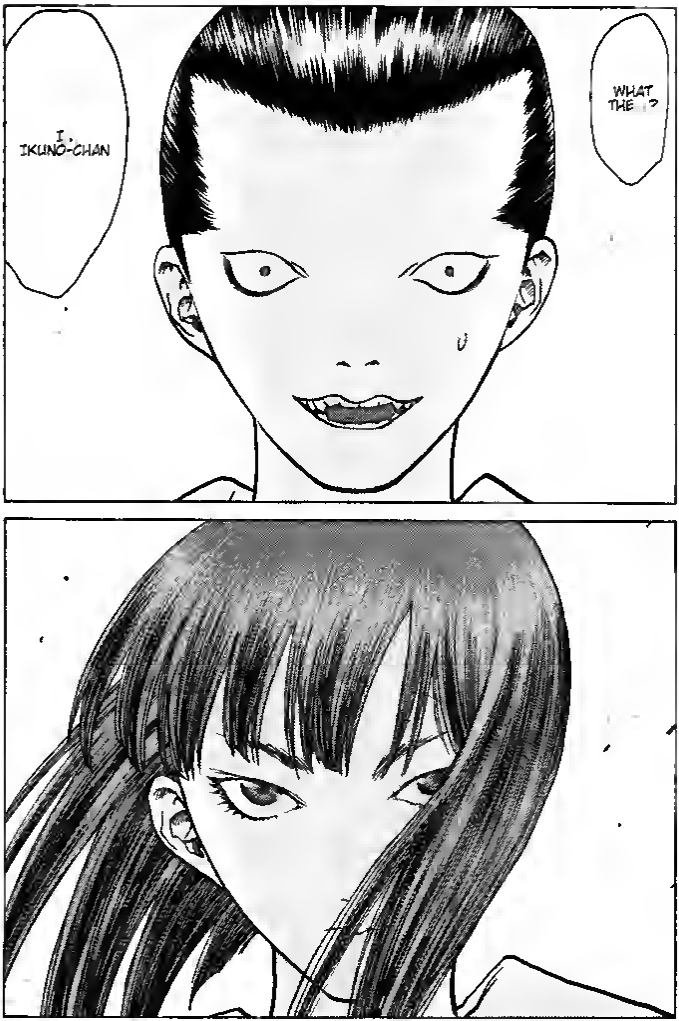
W-WELL, TRUE, BUT...
BESIDES, IF YOU GET STARTED ON THAT PATH, WHAT ABOUT YOU? LOOK AT YOU, TALKING LIKE A NATURAL JAPANESE

IT JUST MEANS THAT I GOT STUCK WITH THIS FACE.
I DON'T HAVE TO MOLD MY PERSONALITY TO MY LOOKS


AH!
HMM? CAN YOU?
CAN YOU SPEAK ENGLISH PERFECTLY, TOO?
N
NO...
HMM?

NOW THEN...
GUESS WE'LL GET STARTED.
LIFE WOULD PROBABLY BE A LOT EASIER...
IF EVERYONE LOOKED THE WAY THEIR PERSONALITY WAS...
CLANG
HUH?
WELL, THERE YOU GO.

Coca-Cola
HUH?


I,
IKUNO-CHAN
WHAT
THE ?

AH...
I IKUNO-SAN
STEP
DASH
LIH
IKUNO-CHAN, WHERE WERE YOU TODAY ?
YOU SEEM KIND OF

AAAH!
WHOA!

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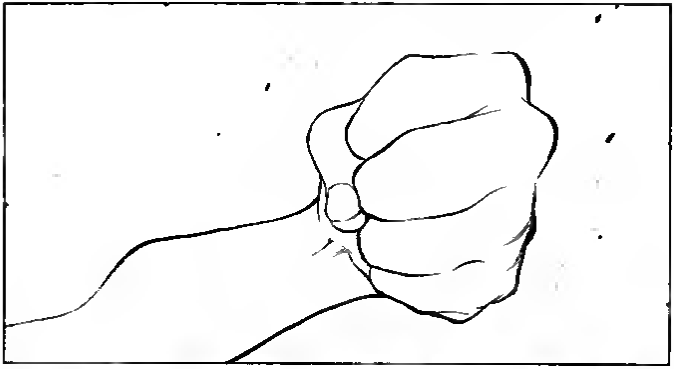
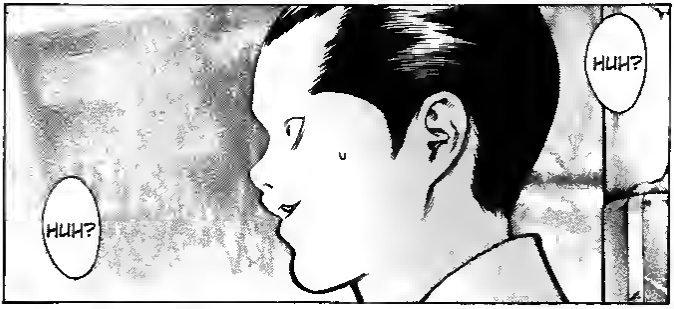
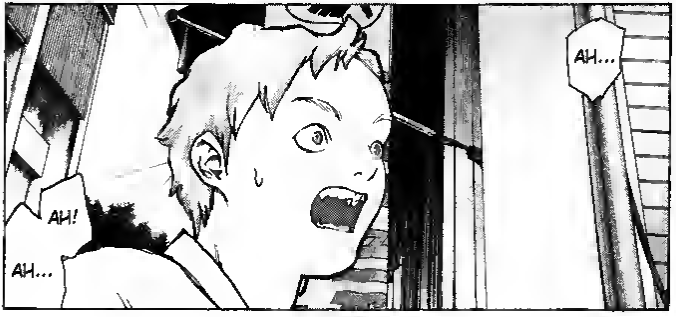
TA.
AH...
AH!
AH...
NOW THEN, KITANO SEIICHIRO.
TO SETTLE OUR SCORE

ACT 73 - Mark of the Lady







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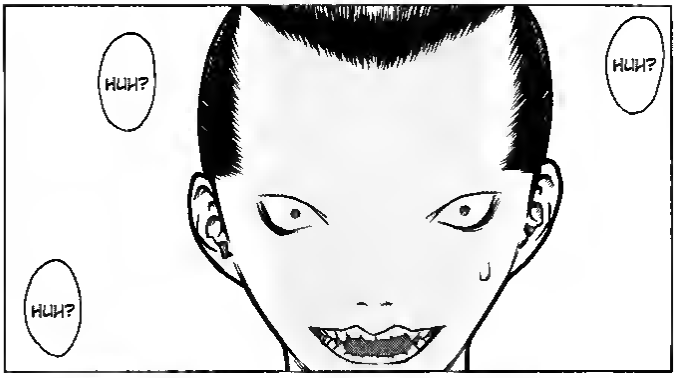
淑女の烙印の巻
(しゅくじょ らくいん まき)


HUH?
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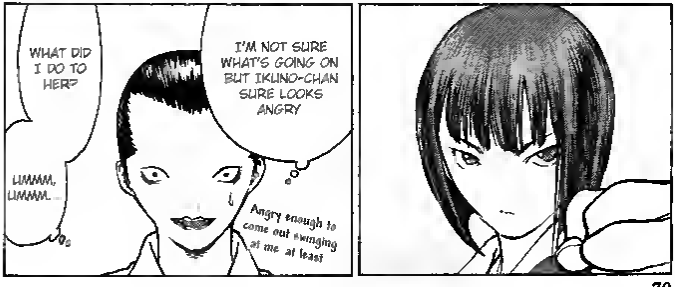
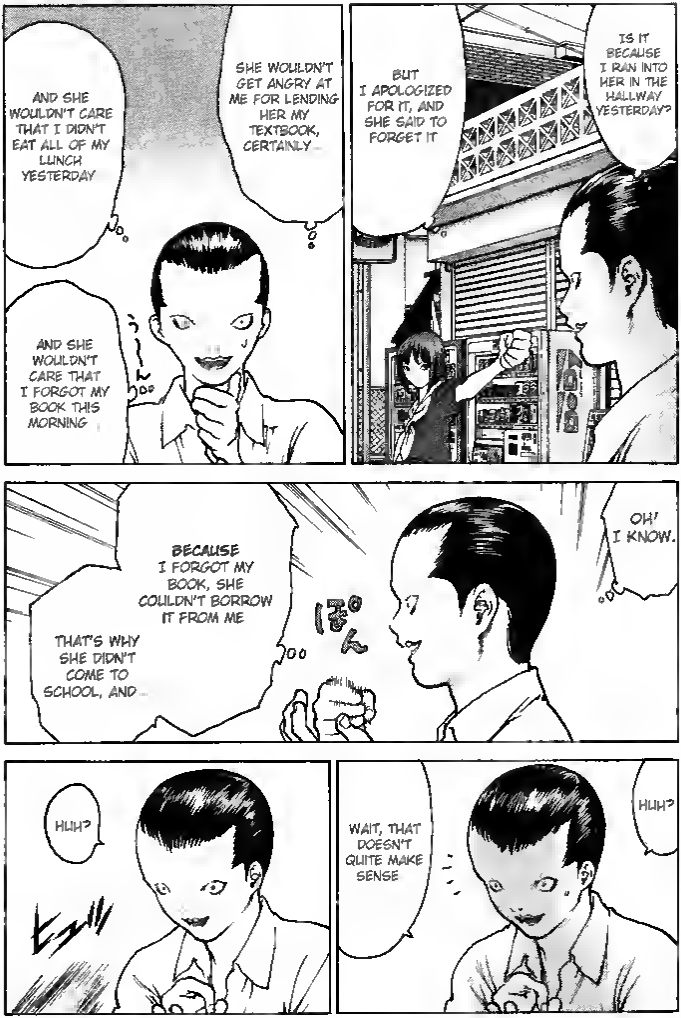
HUH?

SETTLE ?
SCORE ...?
HUH?
HUH?
HUH?


WHAT DID I DO TO HER?
I'M NOT SURE WHAT'S GOING ON BUT IKUNO-CHAN SURE LOOKS ANGRY
UMMM, UMMM...
Angry enough to come out swinging at me at least


AND SHE WOULDN'T CARE THAT I DIDN'T EAT ALL OF MY LUNCH YESTERDAY
SHE WOULDN'T GET ANGRY AT ME FOR LENDING HER MY TEXTBOOK, CERTAINLY
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AND SHE WOULDN'T CARE THAT I FORGOT MY BOOK THIS MORNING
BUT I APOLOGIZED FOR IT, AND SHE SAID TO FORGET IT
IS IT BECAUSE I RAN INTO HER IN THE HALLWAY YESTERDAY?
THAT'S WHY SHE DIDN'T COME TO SCHOOL, AND
BECAUSE I FORGOT MY BOOK, SHE COULDN'T BORROW IT FROM ME
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OH! I KNOW.
HUH?
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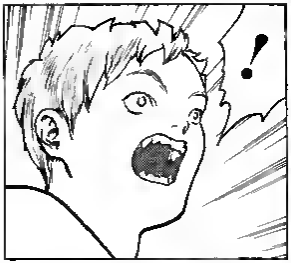
WAIT, THAT DOESN'T QUITE MAKE SENSE
HUH?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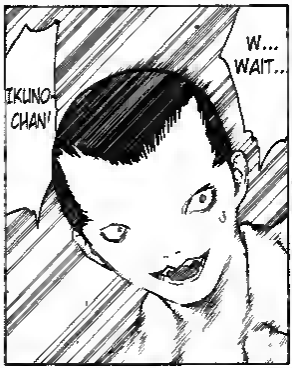
WHOA!
AAAH!


W... WAIT..
IKUNO-CHAN!

WHOA!

ZOOM

WHOA!
WHOA!
WHOA!
HANG ON... I DON'T...
W... WAIT, IKUNO-CHAN!
WHOA!
ヒュッ

HUH?
!!!
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OH!
UGH...

AH
AH,
AH
OUCH
OOOH,
OW

WHOAAAA
W...
TH... THIS MUST BE IKUNO-SAN'S TRUE STRENGTH!
THAT WAS EVEN CRAZIER THAN WHEN SHE FOUGHT THOSE THREE PUNKS.
I'M AFRAID I DON'T UNDER-STAND...
UH... UMM, IKUNO-CHAN...
WHAT...
PLEASE DEFEAT THE DEVIL WITH YOUR ANGELIC POWERS IKUNO-SAN!!
DO YOUR BEST, IKUNO-SAN.
DON'T LOSE, IKUNO-SAN

HUH?
WAIT!
I..
IKUNO-CHAN!
WAIT
AAA-AAH!
DOWAAA!

GEEZ...
THAT'S ENOUGH, IKUNO-CHAN!
!!!
OH!
I.. IKUNO-SAN!

S-SORRY, IKUNO-CHAN.
BUT YOU WON'T STOP UNLESS I DO THIS.
I-IF SOMETHING HAPPENED.. PLEASE TELL ME...
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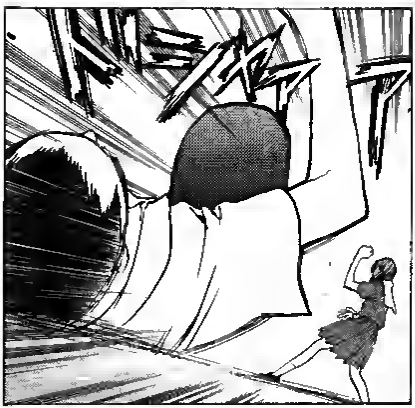

GUH!

WAY TO GO, IKUNO-SAN!
THAT WAS INCREDIBLE, IKUNO-SAN.
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Y...
YEAH!!!
AS ALWAYS, I DIDN'T FEEL ANY PRESSURE WHEN I HIT HIM
NOT DONE YET. GET BACK
HUH?
!
-thump-

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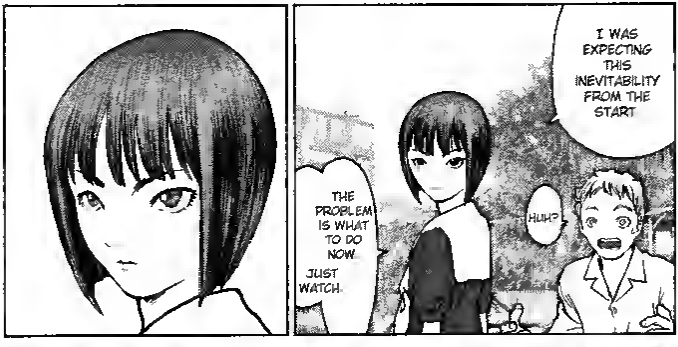
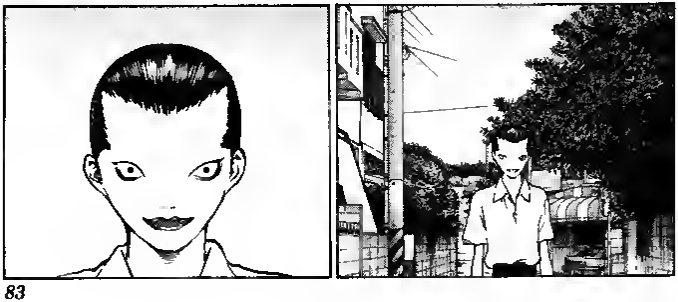
Y... YOU MEAN...
Y-YOU KNOCKED HIM BACK WITH THAT HUGE SMASH, AND HE STILL ISN'T...
IN THE INSTANT OF IMPACT, HE JUMPS BACKWARD TO NEGATE THE DAMAGE
N... NO WAY
IT'S HIS SPECIALTY.

WE CAN'T DO THIS! LET'S... LET'S RUN AWAY, IKUNO-SAN!
IT'S... DEVILISH!
TH... THAT'S SIMPLY INHUMAN...
SETTLE DOWN, BLOND BOY


I WAS EXPECTING THIS INEVITABILITY FROM THE START
THE PROBLEM IS WHAT TO DO NOW.
JUST WATCH.
HUH?



HUH?
D... DID HE GET YOU WHEN HE GRABBED YOU, IKUNO-SAN?
DAMN, HE'S KIND OF GOT ME, THOUGH
NO, NOT IN THAT KIND OF WAY
TCH
BUT HE MANAGED TO START SPEAKING WHEN HE GRABBED ME.
I WAS TRYING TO ATTACK HIM CONSTANTLY TO KEEP HIM FROM TALKING
I WAS FIGHTING WHILE HYPNOTIZING MYSELF INTO THINKING SEIICHIRO WAS A DEMON.
I WAS TRYING TO FIGHT WITH YOUR DESCRIPTION IN MY MIND
W— WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

IT WAS GOING PRETTY WELL FOR A WHILE,
BUT ONCE HE STARTED TALKING, SEIICHIRO BECAME SEIICHIRO AGAIN
EVEN THE FACE THAT LOOKED SO DEMONIC
WENT BACK TO THE LOVABLE OLD SEIICHIRO FACE.
L... LOVABLE?
T-THAT DEMONIC MUG, LOVABLE...?
WHAT IN THE WORLD DOES THAT MEAN?!
YOU DON'T THINK SO?
TAKE A GOOD LOOK. HE LOOKS LOVABLE
NO HE DOESN'T!
huh?
REALLY? LOOK CLOSELY AT THE ANGLES AROUND THAT PART, PARTICULARLY...
IT LOOKS THE SAME NO MATTER HOW YOU THINK ABOUT IT! THE DEVIL IS THE DEVIL, IKUNO-SAN!

I TOLD YOU, A PROMISE IS A PROMISE
HUH?
I WAS JUST THINKING, THE FIGHT WILL GET A BIT TOUGHER HERE ON OUT
I'LL KEEP MY PROMISE
I KNOW, I KNOW THOSE ARE DIFFERENT THINGS
WAHHHHH!
GET A GRIP ON YOURSELF, IKUNO-SAN!
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IT'S ALL A MATTER OF FEELING
WELL... TO PUT IT IN YOUR WORDS
DON'T WORRY, I DON'T MEAN THE FIGHTING ITSELF
OH... NO...
HUH...?
AND I JUST HAVE TO BEAT HIM UP WHILE STILL KNOWING THAT I LOVE HIM.
HE'S A FRIEND I WOULD GO HOME WITH, PLAY WITH, DRINK FROM THE SAME JUICE BOTTLE WITH ..

HUH?
—scrape—
SORRY...
IKUNO-CHAN...
I WAS THINKING REALLY HARD ABOUT THIS
I WAS THINKING IT WAS RUDE TO ASK YOU YOURSELF WHY YOU WERE MAD...
SO I WAS TRYING TO IMAGINE WHAT THE REASON COULD BE ON MY OWN...
BUT IN THE END, I JUST CAN'T COME UP WITH A REASON...
I'M SORRY, IKUNO-CHAN I'M AFRAID I JUST DON'T UNDERSTAND...

HONESTLY
YOU STILL TRY TO MAKE THIS HARDER FOR ME THAN I COULD HAVE IMAGINED.
YOU REALLY ARE A JERK.
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AGH...
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GUH!
UGH.
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AH...
AH...
I... IKUNO-SAN...
GFF!
LING ...
NNG!
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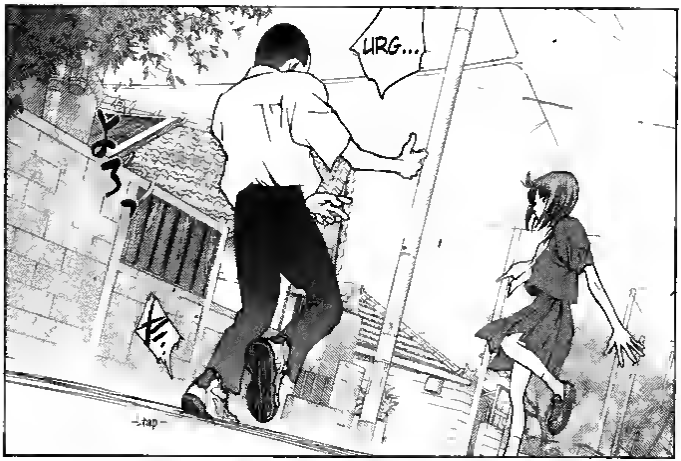
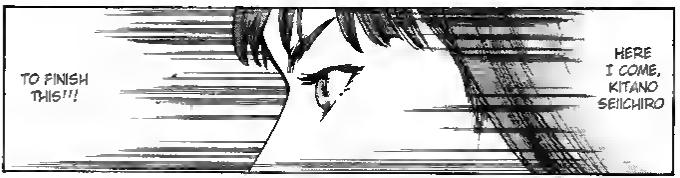
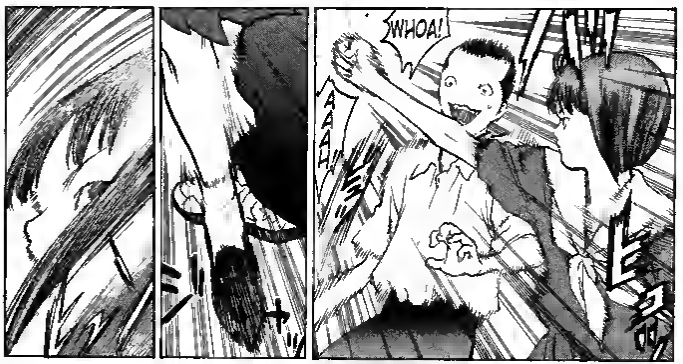

URG...
-tap-


HERE I COME, KITANO SEIICHIRO
TO FINISH THIS!!!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AH...
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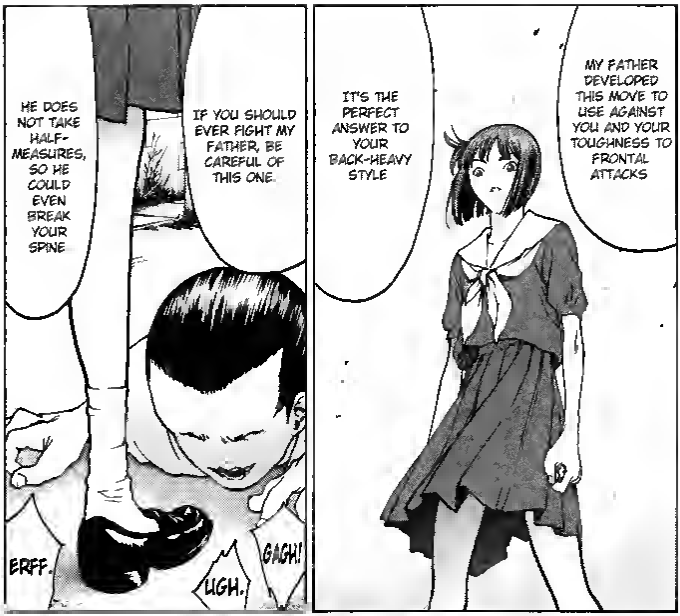
Y...
YOU DID IT...
IKUNO-SAN...


IF YOU SHOULD EVER FIGHT MY FATHER, BE CAREFUL OF THIS ONE.
HE DOES NOT TAKE HALF-MEASURES, SO HE COULD EVEN BREAK YOUR SPINE
ERFF.
UGH.
GACH!
MY FATHER DEVELOPED THIS MOVE TO USE AGAINST YOU AND YOUR TOUGHNESS TO FRONTAL ATTACKS
IT'S THE PERFECT ANSWER TO YOUR BACK-HEAVY STYLE
UM. UHH...
THAT ONE WAS DIFFERENT THAN ALL THE OTHER BLOWS
IT GOT HIM FULL-ON.
I IKUNO-SAN...
HM.
OH, BLOND BOY.
IT'S OVER.

.....
NOT AGAIN
N... NO!
IS HE... INVINCIBLE...?
!!
THE FOOL...
HE SHOULD HAVE STAYED DOWN...
NOT YET ..
I WON'T GO DOWN UNTIL I KNOW WHY I SHOULD.

- ACT73 End -

ACT.74 He Who Will Not Fall

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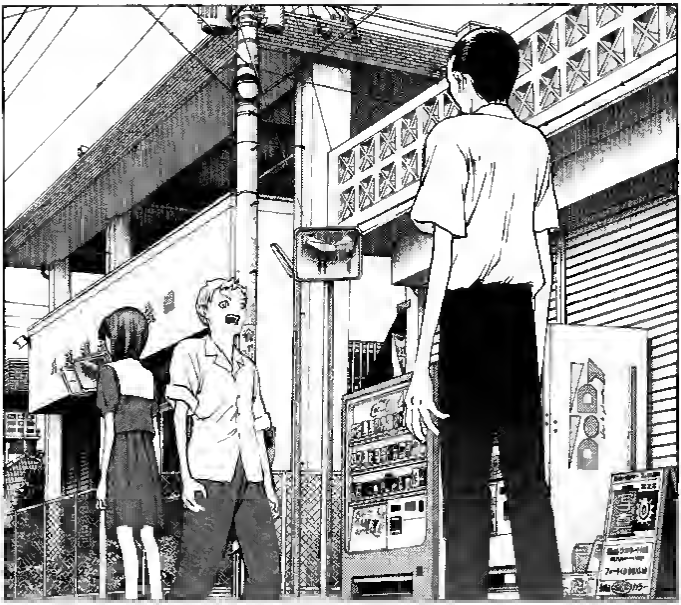

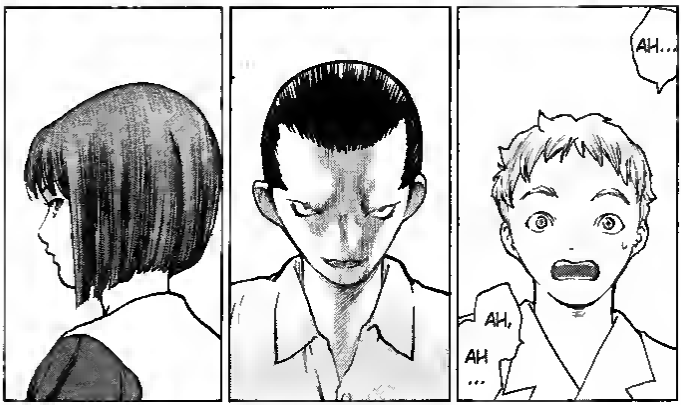
AH...
AH,
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...

DON'T PUSH YOURSELF, SEIICHIRO.
THAT GOT YOU FAIR AND SQUARE. I KNOW YOU'RE JUST BARELY CAPABLE OF STANDING RIGHT NOW.
STAY DOWN AND RELAX
N...
NO, I CAN'T...
I JUST CAN'T LIE DOWN AND BE DEFEATED WITHOUT KNOWING WHY...
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I HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THE REASON I'M BEING BEATEN BEFORE I CAN ACCEPT IT.
OTHERWISE IT WOULD BE RUDE TO THE PERSON BEATING ME UP.
WHA...
?
W-WHAT IS THAT DEVIL SAYING. ?

IF YOU WON'T LISTEN TO REASON...
ALL RIGHT...
HUH?
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AGH...
!!
I
IKUNO-SAN...
HE'S BARELY ABLE TO STAND AS IT IS, SO SIMPLE ATTACKS FROM THE FRONT SHOULD TAKE A GOOD TOLL ON HIM...
THIS FIGHT WAS OVER FROM THE PREVIOUS BLOW.

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– squeeze..
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NOT... YET
CAN'T GO DOWN
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YET...
N-NO
NOT AGAIN

OH, HONESTLY ...
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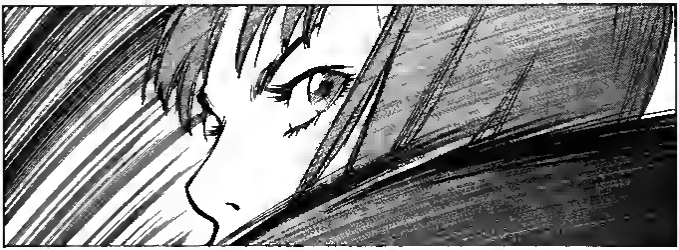

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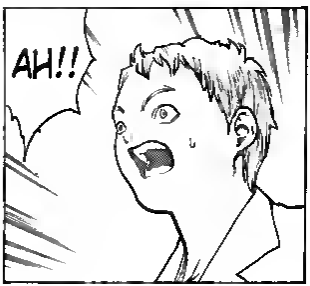
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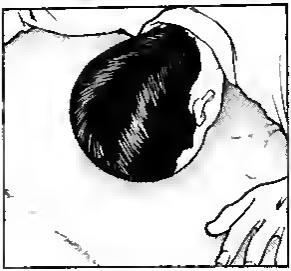

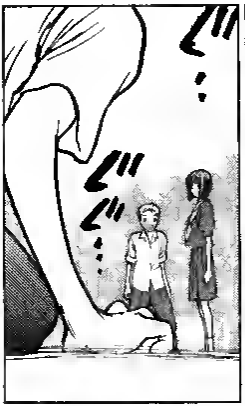

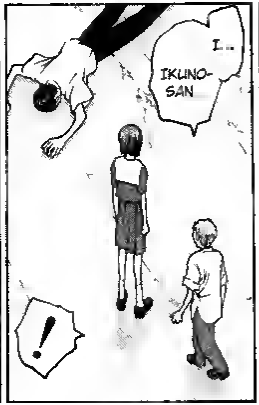
I...
IKUNO-SAN
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N... NO...
HE IS INVINCIBLE...
ALL RIGHT...
I GET IT...
AS LONG AS YOU RETAIN A SINGLE SHRED OF CONSCIOUSNESS, YOU'LL KEEP STANDING...
IT MEANS THAT NOTHING LESS THAN A FULL-SCALE ASSAULT WILL FINISH YOU OFF...
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I'M SORRY...
I'LL HAVE TO GET SERIOUS, THIS TIME...

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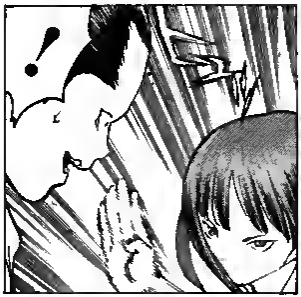
UGH!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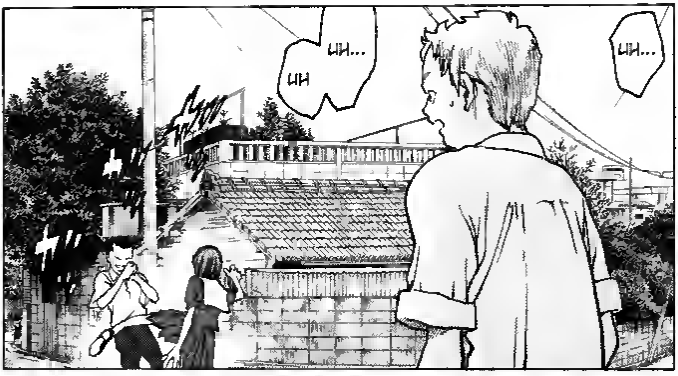
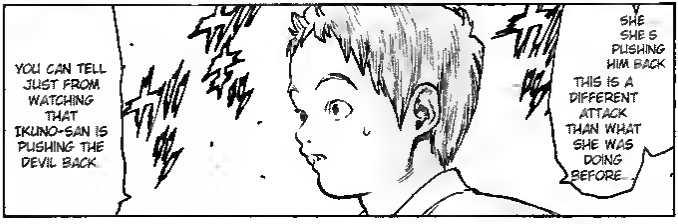
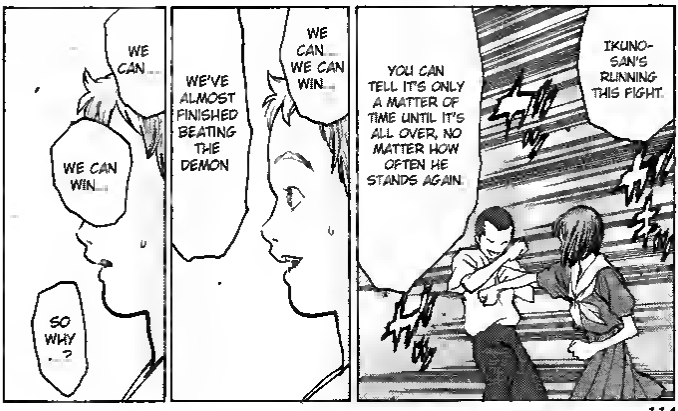
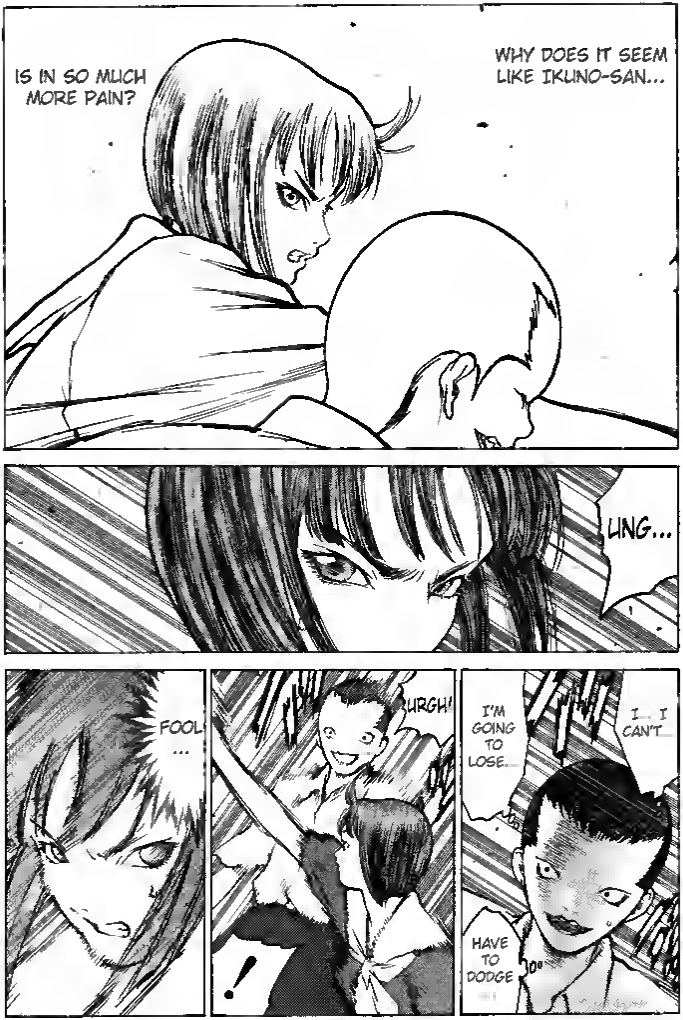
KAH...
GAH...
URK...


UH...
UH
UH...


YOU CAN TELL JUST FROM WATCHING THAT IKUNO-SAN IS PUSHING THE DEVIL BACK.
SHE SHE'S PUSHING HIM BACK
THIS IS A DIFFERENT ATTACK THAN WHAT SHE WAS DOING BEFORE...


WE CAN...
WE CAN WIN...
SO WHY...?
WE'VE ALMOST FINISHED BEATING THE DEMON
WE CAN... WE CAN WIN...
YOU CAN TELL IT'S ONLY A MATTER OF TIME UNTIL IT'S ALL OVER, NO MATTER HOW OFTEN HE STANDS AGAIN.
IKUNO-SAN'S RUNNING THIS FIGHT.


IS IN SO MUCH MORE PAIN?
WHY DOES IT SEEM LIKE IKUNO-SAN...
LING...
FOOL...
URGH!
!
I'M GOING TO LOSE...
I... I CAN'T
HAVE TO DODGE

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UGH...
OH...
IT CAN'T
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HAHH
HAHH
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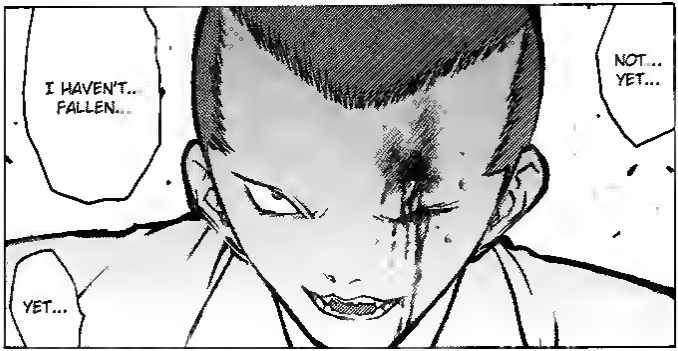
I HAVEN'T.. FALLEN...
YET...
NOT... YET...

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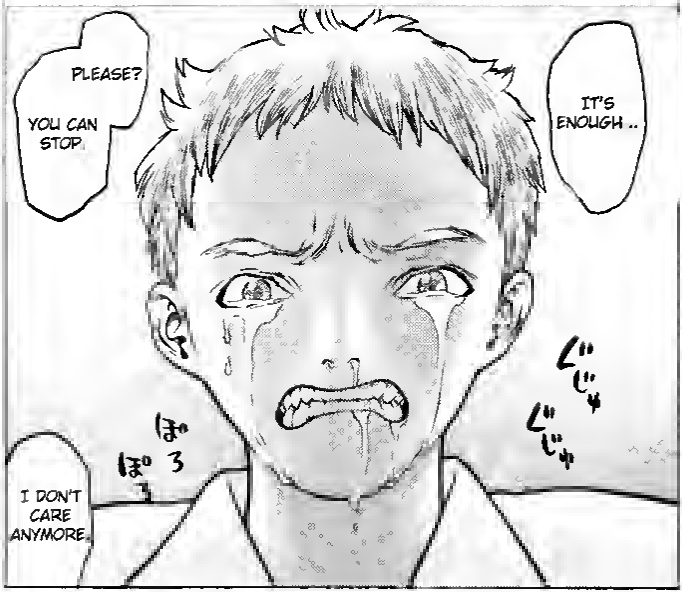
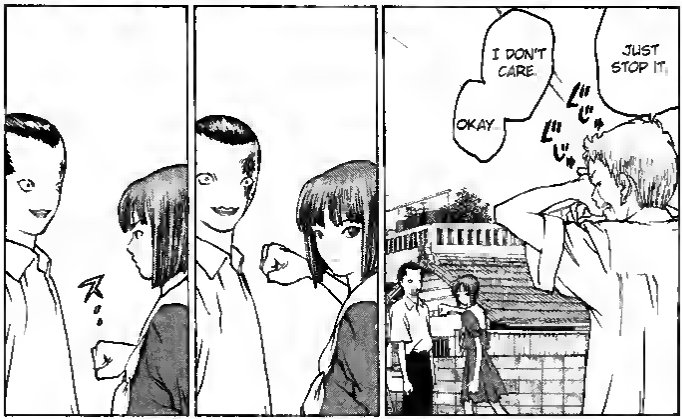
IKUNO-SAN...
YOU...
S...SEIICHIRO...

!!
GRR
...
KUH...
KUH.
KHH...
!

GUH ...
GUH ...
IF I FALL NOW I WON'T BE ABLE TO STAND AGAIN
B-BEAR IT
HANG ON!
GAH!
GRR ...
GRR ...

STOP IT!!
!!
!
THAT'S ENOUGH...
IT'S OKAY, IKUNO-SAN...


PLEASE?
YOU CAN STOP.
IT'S ENOUGH ..
I DON'T CARE ANYMORE.


I DON'T CARE.
OKAY.
JUST STOP IT.

I DON'T CARE ABOUT IT ANYMORE...
I DON'T CARE.
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I THINK ONLY ONE MORE PUNCH SHOULD DO IT.
ARE YOU SURE?
DIDN'T YOU WANT TO DEFEAT THE DEMON TO SAVE YOUR FAMILY?
YOU LOOK LIKE YOU'RE IN SO MUCH MORE PAIN THAN ME.
IT JUST LOOKS SO HARD.
SO, SO...
I CAN SOLVE MY OWN PROBLEMS.
SO JUST STOP.
SO...

!
SORRY FOR HITTING AND KICKING YOU FOR MY OWN REASONS
THAT'S THAT
I JUST FELT LIKE I WANTED TO BEAT YOU THAT'S ALL
IT WASN'T YOUR FAULT AT ALL
IF YOU EVEN WANTED TO CUT OFF OUR FRIENDSHIP, I'D UNDERSTAND
I WON'T CARE
AFTER WHAT I DID
WHEN YOU FEEL BETTER, FEEL FREE TO GET ME BACK
AREN'T I TERRIBLE?

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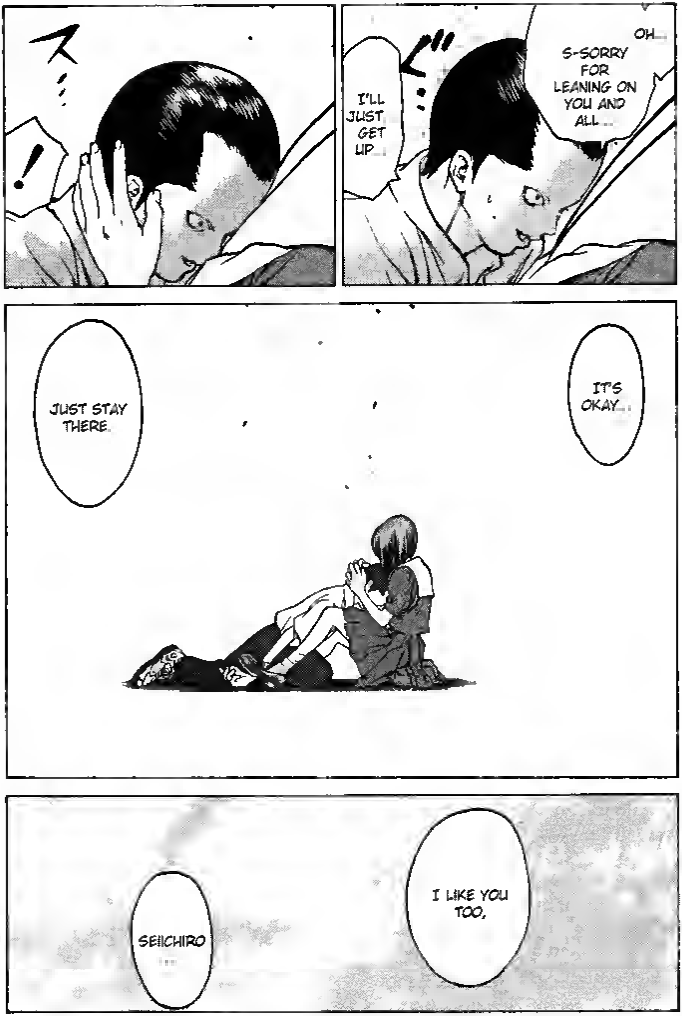
S... SEIICHIRO!
!
H-HANG IN THERE!
H-HEY!
SEIICHIRO!
OH...
SORRY...
I'M...
!

I'M SORRY, IKUNO-CHAN.
AS SOON AS I REALIZED I HADN'T DONE ANYTHING TO YOU, I JUST LOST ALL MY STRENGTH...
I WAS SO SHOCKED, AFTER ALL
YOU JUST CAME UP AND STARTED HITTING ME...
I THOUGHT, GOSH, I MUST HAVE DONE SOMETHING REALLY TERRIBLE...
SOMETHING SO BAD THAT WE COULD NEVER BE FRIENDS ANYMORE...
I'M JUST SO GLAD TO FIND OUT THAT YOU WEREN'T ACTUALLY MAD AT ME.
I THOUGHT, I REALLY NEED TO GET ALONG, AND STAY FRIENDS WITH YOU FOREVER...
AND THEN...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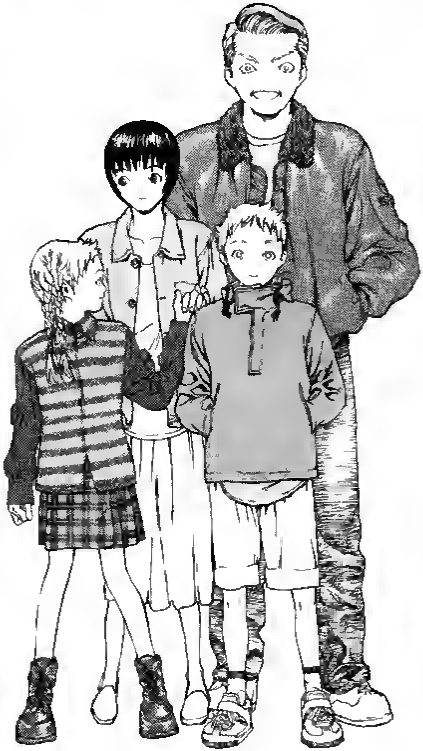
I'LL JUST GET UP.
OH... S-SORRY FOR LEANING ON YOU AND ALL...
JUST STAY THERE.
IT'S OKAY...
SEIICHIRO...
I LIKE YOU TOO.

ACT.75 - Angel At Rest

天使の休息の巻



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WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
WHAT IS IT, LEO? IT'S TOO EARLY
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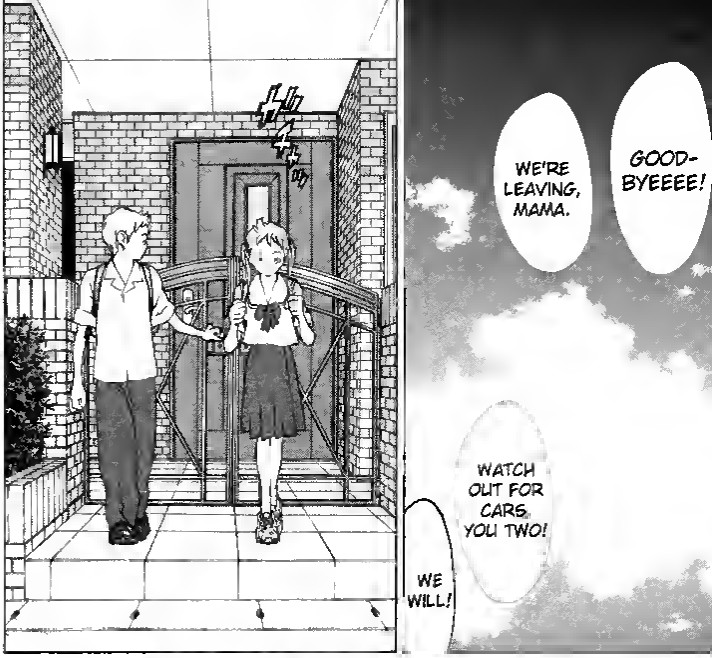
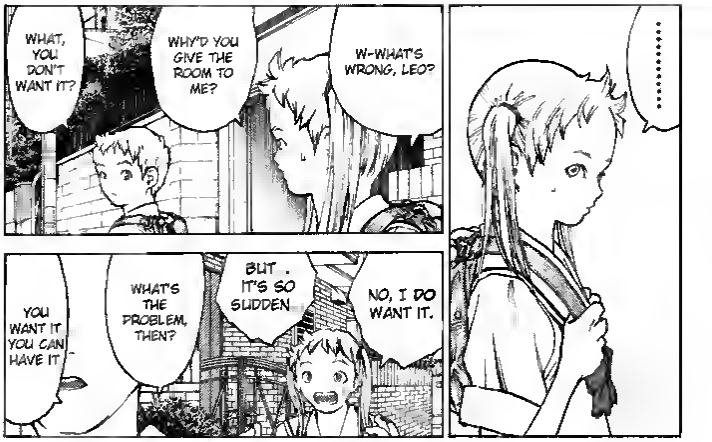
MM... MM...
MM...
ガサ ガサ ガサ
I'LL MOVE INTO THE ONE NEXT DOOR
YOU CAN HAVE THIS ROOM
ガチャ
バタン
HUH?
HUH?
HUH?
I DON'T CARE ABOUT THAT ANYMORE
BUT... BUT, YOU SAID YOU DIDN'T WANT THAT ROOM, BECAUSE ALL YOU COULD SEE WAS THE NEIGHBOR'S WALLS...
BYE
HUH?


GOOD-BYEEEE!
WE'RE LEAVING, MAMA.
WATCH OUT FOR CARS, YOU TWO!
WE WILL!


W-WHAT'S WRONG, LEO?
WHY'D YOU GIVE THE ROOM TO ME?
WHAT, YOU DON'T WANT IT?
NO, I DO WANT IT.
BUT . IT'S SO SUDDEN
WHAT'S THE PROBLEM, THEN?
YOU WANT IT YOU CAN HAVE IT

!
WHAT'S WRONG, LEO?
?
!
OH, AND JUST SO YOU DON'T GET ANY FUNNY IDEAS, I DON'T WANT YOU MESSING WITH DEVIL-SAN!
DEVIL-SAN SAVED MINE AND PAPA'S LIVES!
!
AND IF YOU GET PAST HIS APPEARANCE, HE'S ACTUALLY A VERY NICE AND KIND DEVIL!
SO DON'T YOU DARE LOOK AT HIM AND SCREAM AND RUN AROUND!
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SANA-CHAN.
OH... GOOD MORNING ...
KYAAAA AAAAAAA AAAAAAA

IT HAPPENED YESTERDAY...
I DIDN'T FEEL THAT BAD LAST NIGHT, BUT WHEN I WOKE UP, MY FACE WAS ALL SWOLLEN
It sucks.
UH, UH...
UH,
W-W-W-WHAT HAPPENED, DEVIL-SAN?
YOUR...
WH... WH... WH... WHAT, WHAT, WHAT, WHAT?
HUH?
OH
!
HE IS A GOOD DEVIL, BUT HE COULD STILL BE A ROUGH, NAUGHTY BOY
W-WAS IT A FIGHT?
YES.
SO... CAN I CALL YOU LEO-KUN, THEN?
MY NAME IS LEO HALFORD
I'M LEO
UM...?
OH, GOOD MORNING
!

IT'S ALL MY FAULT
!
I'M SORRY FOR WHAT HAPPENED YESTERDAY.
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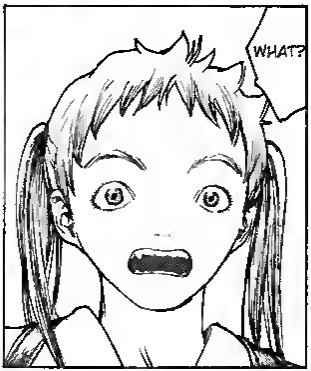
OH
WELL
HUH? HUH?
YOU... YOU DID THIS, LEO...?
BUT... YOU...
BUT... WHAT? NO...


WHAT?

I GUESS I THOUGHT THAT ONLY I KNEW WHAT THE TRUTH WAS, WHEN I HAD THE LEAST IDEA OUT OF ANYONE...
AND IT ENDED UP HURTING YOU, AND IKUNO-SAN...
I BEGGED HER TO DO IT. I DRAGGED HER INTO IT... IT WAS ALL MY IDEA IN THE FIRST PLACE...
IT... WASN'T IKUNO-SAN'S FAULT
!
YOU'RE A VERY... SPECIAL PERSON TO HER..
SO... PLEASE, JUST DON'T HATE IKUNO-SAN BECAUSE OF THAT...
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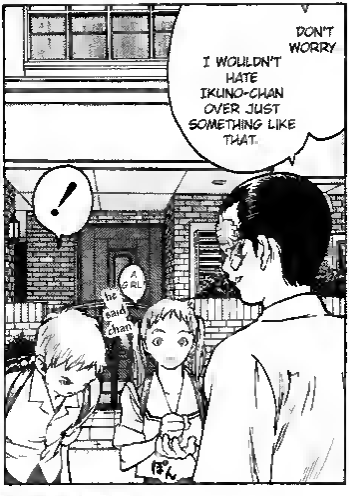
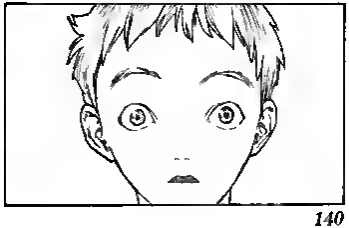
WHO'S IKUNO?
WHAT THE HECK'S GOING ON?
HUH? WHAT'S THIS?
HUH? HUH? WHAT?

HUH?
I'M USED TO THIS...
AND LOOK AT YOUR FACE...
BUT AFTER SHE PUNCHED AND KICKED YOU...
J. "JUST" THAT ...?


DON'T WORRY
I WOULDN'T HATE IKUNO-CHAN OVER JUST SOMETHING LIKE THAT.
!
He said Chan!

IKUNO-CHAN, TAKEHISA-KUN, RYOKO-CHAN, THEY ALL TRIED TO BEAT ME UP THE FIRST TIME WE MET.
PEOPLE ALWAYS HIT ME, OR KICK ME, OR SCREAM AND RUN AWAY, THE FIRST TIME I MEET THEM...

I'M SURE THAT WHEN I SEE HER TODAY, SHE'LL JUST SAY "YO!" LIKE ALWAYS
SO DON'T LET IT WORRY YOU I'M TOTALLY FINE.



YOU POOR THING! YOU POOR THING, DEVIL-SAN!
THEY'RE ALL SO MEAN! YOU'RE A GOOD DEVIL, BUT I DIDN'T HIT WHEN I FIRST MET YOU, DID I? DID I?
NO.
UM
But you did scream and run
WHOA!
DEVIL-SAAAAN!
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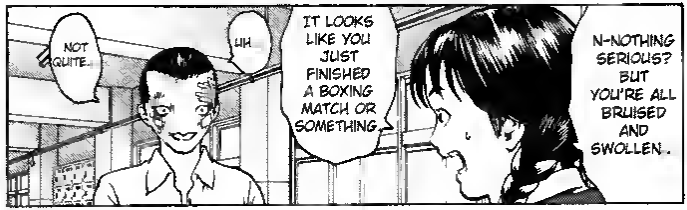
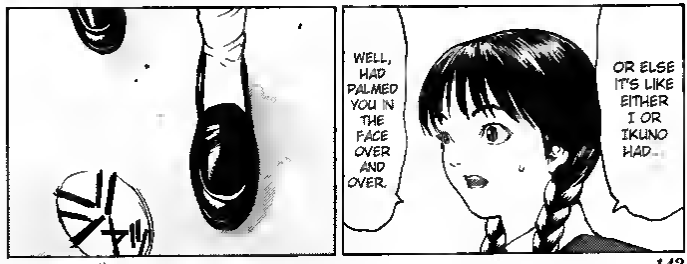
IF YOU EVER NEED A BREAST TO CRY UPON, JUST COME TO ME!
I'LL MAKE YOU FEEL BETTER ANYTIME YOU NEED IT, DEVIL-SAN! DON'T GET DOWN!
I'M FINE
UM, OKAY
……

W-W-WHAT HAPPENED, KITANO-KUN?
TO YOUR FACE...
OH, IT HAPPENED YESTERDAY
IT'S NOTHING SERIOUS
WHAAA!
WH...


N-NOTHING SERIOUS? BUT YOU'RE ALL BRUISED AND SWOLLEN..
IT LOOKS LIKE YOU JUST FINISHED A BOXING MATCH OR SOMETHING.
UH..
NOT QUITE..


OR ELSE IT'S LIKE EITHER I OR IKUNO HAD...
WELL, HAD PALMED YOU IN THE FACE OVER AND OVER.
-thump-

WHAT HAPPENED TO KITANO-KUN ...?
OH.. IKUNO! C-COME LOOK AT THIS!
!
IT'S ALMOST LIKE YOU OR I HAD...
!
one at a time please
WHAT WERE YOU DOING SKIPPING CLASS AND HANGING OUT WITH YOUNGER BOYS YESTERDAY?
W-WAIT.. IKUNO!
WHAT WAS THAT ABOUT?!
LOOK AT HIM! LOOK AT HIS FACE!
N.. NO, YOU'RE NOT FINE!
OUCH!
I'M FINE, IKUNO-CHAN
HEY, SEIICHIRO, HOW ARE YOU?

OH, YOUR POOR FACE. ARE YOU ALL RIGHT, SEIICHIRO?
HUH?
AAAH!
!
IKUNO, I DON'T BELIEVE YOU.
WHAT... WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
!
I... IKUNO
YOU'VE GOT BLOOD ON YOUR UNIFORM
HUH?

OH!
I'D TAKE IT TO THE CLEANERS, BUT THIS IS MY ONLY UNIFORM
OH, FROM YESTERDAY
T-THAT'S FROM MY HEAD, ISN'T IT?
S-SORRY, IKUNO-CHAN!
BECAUSE I WAS RUBBING IT ON YOU YESTERDAY!
!
IT'LL HAVE TO LOOK THIS WAY UNTIL OUR NEXT DAY OFF
I'M SO SORRY!
BUT.. BUT IT STANDS OUT AGAINST THE WHITE
IT'S FINE, DON'T SWEAT IT
Breast
Head
.....

W... WAIT!
W-WHAT IN THE WORLD IS GOING ON HERE?
WHY WOULD BLOOD FROM KITANO-KUN'S HEAD BE RUBBED ONTO IKUNO'S CHEST?!
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S... SHUT UP! YOU CAN'T JUST EXPLAIN IT ALL CLINICALLY AND PRECISE LIKE THAT!!
right?
WELL, YOU WOULD ASSUME BASED ON THE LOCATION OF THE INJURY ON HIS HEAD AND HER CLOTHES, THAT HIS FACE WAS BURIED IN HER BREASTS
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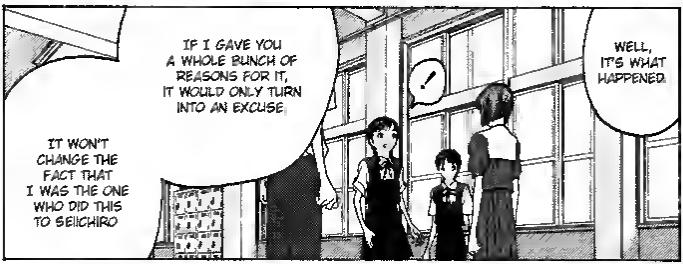
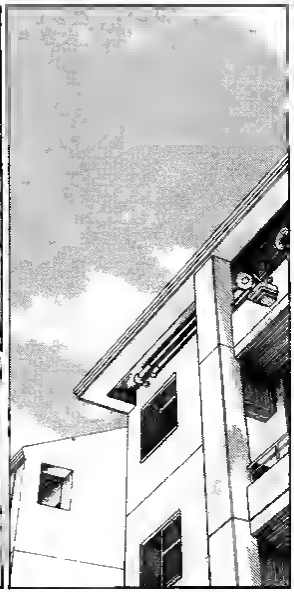
I DID IT.
YES
COULD .. COULD THAT INJURY TO KITANO-KUN BE,
BE FROM .
WHAT . WHAT IS HAPPENING AROUND HERE..

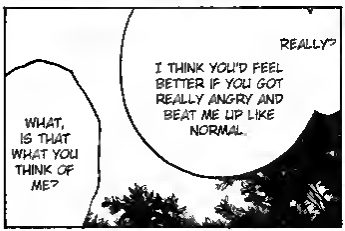
I'LL ABRIDGE THE FULL STORY, BECAUSE IT'S LONG
BASICALLY, SEIICHIRO AND I FOUGHT, HE FELL DOWN AND WAS BLEEDING, SO WE CALLED IT A TIE
THAT'S A LITTLE TOO ABRIDGED FOR ME!
WAIT... WHAT?!
AND WHY DID THAT HAPPEN?
IKUNO, WHAT ARE YOU...


WELL, IT'S WHAT HAPPENED.
IF I GAVE YOU A WHOLE BUNCH OF REASONS FOR IT, IT WOULD ONLY TURN INTO AN EXCUSE.
IT WON'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT I WAS THE ONE WHO DID THIS TO SEIICHIRO

BUT... BUT...
YOU CAN TAKE IT ANY WAY YOU LIKE.
DO WITH ME AS YOU WISH KILL ME, DESTROY ME, CUT OFF OUR FRIENDSHIP
I WILL ACCEPT ANYTHING YOU CHOOSE TO DO

THIS JUST ISN'T SITTING RIGHT WITH ME...
HMMMMM
DING...




REALLY?
I THINK YOU'D FEEL BETTER IF YOU GOT REALLY ANGRY AND BEAT ME UP LIKE NORMAL.
WHAT, IS THAT WHAT YOU THINK OF ME?

I TOLD YOU, YOU CAN DO WHAT YOU LIKE WITH ME.
Y
YEAH, BUT IT'S NOT GOING TO BE LIKE THAT.

!

THAT'S THE BOY...
OH!
!
?
BINGO!!
IF I WORK HIM OVER, I'LL FIND OUT THE TRUTH BEHIND THIS.
I'VE GOT IT...
OH!
WHACK!
DON'T.

HMM?
WHAT'S UP, BLOND BOY?
WHAT HAPPENED NOW?
UH... NO.
IT'S JUST...
UM... YES
YOUR SISTER?
WHO'S THIS LITTLE ONE?
I, UH... TOLD HER WHAT HAPPENED, AND SHE TAGGED ALONG...
I TOLD HER ABOUT YESTERDAY, AND SHE GOT KIND OF MAD...
I'M SO SORRY, I'M SO SORRY!
MAYBE SHE ISN'T SO CUTE AFTER ALL...
that kind of hurt
grrrr
GASP!!
IT WOULD BE NICE TO HAVE ONE AS A PET...
WHAT A CUTE LITTLE THING
I... I THINK SHE THINKS I WAS FOOLED BY SOME EVIL GROWN-UP WOMAN...
MAD?

!
YOU SHOULDN'T BE ALLOWED TO DO THAT TO DEV... I MEAN, SEIICHIRO-SAN
ALSO, SHE THINKS...
HMMMM
AAAAH!
AH...
ス!
IT'S SO MEAN!
I FEEL SO SORRY FOR HIM!
WELL... WELL, LOOK WHAT SHE DID TO DEVIL-SAN!
AND... DON'T STICK YOUR HAND OUT, IKUNO-SAN ...
H-HEY, LET GO, SANA...

NO TRUE FRIEND WOULD THIS TO THEIR FRIENDS! SHE'S JUST PRETENDING TO BE HIS FRIEND!
IF YOU WERE REALLY HIS FRIEND, YOU WOULDN'T DO THIS TO HIM!
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GYACK!
SANAAAAA!
IT WAS HARD FOR IKUNO-SAN, TOO.
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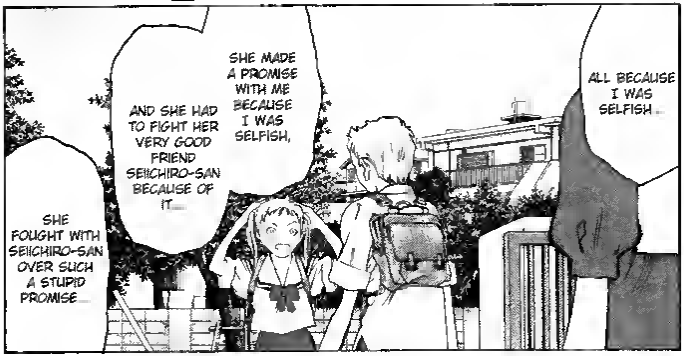
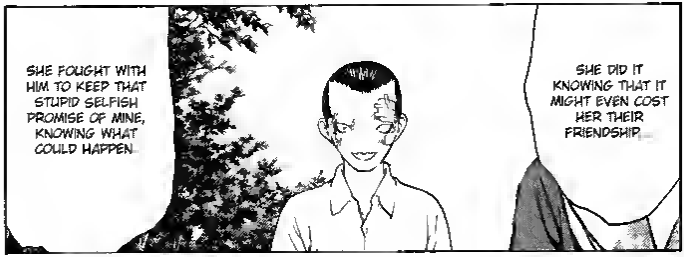
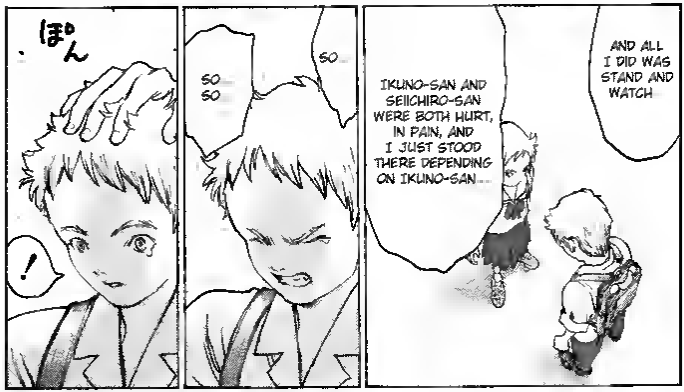
WH
WHAT?!
I... I ONLY


SHE MADE A PROMISE WITH ME BECAUSE I WAS SELFISH,
AND SHE HAD TO FIGHT HER VERY GOOD FRIEND SEIICHIRO-SAN BECAUSE OF IT...
ALL BECAUSE I WAS SELFISH...
SHE FOUGHT WITH SEIICHIRO-SAN OVER SUCH A STUPID PROMISE...


SHE FOUGHT WITH HIM TO KEEP THAT STUPID SELFISH PROMISE OF MINE, KNOWING WHAT COULD HAPPEN...
SHE DID IT KNOWING THAT IT MIGHT EVEN COST HER THEIR FRIENDSHIP...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SO...
SO SO...
SO...
IKUNO-SAN AND SEIICHIRO-SAN WERE BOTH HURT, IN PAIN, AND I JUST STOOD THERE DEPENDING ON IKUNO-SAN...
AND ALL I DID WAS STAND AND WATCH

I..
IKUNO-SAN..
!
DON'T CRY, LEO..
THAT'S ENOUGH.
MAYBE I REALLY CAN'T BE FRIENDS WITH...
EITHER WAY, IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT I HURT HIM
BUT... BUT IKUNO-SAN...
MAYBE I JUST WANTED THE CHANCE TO FIGHT WITH SEIICHIRO...
BESIDES, MAYBE WHAT THIS LITTLE SHRIMP SAYS IS TRUE.
!
HUH?
!
NO...

AND SO SHE HAD TO BEAT ME DOWN AGAIN AND AGAIN...
BUT I WAS SO STUPID AND STUBBORN, I JUST HAD TO KEEP GETTING BACK UP...
SHE WANTED TO FINISH IT UP AS SOON AND PAINLESS AS POSSIBLE...
IKUNO-CHAN TRIED TO BEAT ME AS QUICKLY AS SHE COULD
I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT THAT...
I'M SO SORRY, IKUNO-CHAN YOU HAD TO GO THROUGH THAT HORRIBLE PAIN ALL THOSE TIMES, JUST BECAUSE I COULDN'T GIVE UP...
!
OH, COME ON...

RYOKO
SEICHIRO?
IT'S REALLY HARD HAVING SUCH WEIRD FRIENDS, YOU KNOW...
WE KNOW THAT IKUNO LIKES TO BE STUBBORN SOMETIMES SHE JUST WON'T LISTEN TO REASON...
EVEN AFTER WHAT I DID...
I...
YOU'RE ALL AS FOOLISH AS EVER
.....
I... IKUNO-SAN...
HMM?
NOTHING!
NO! OH!
DO YOU ACTUALLY LIKE KITA...
UM... IKUNO-SAN,

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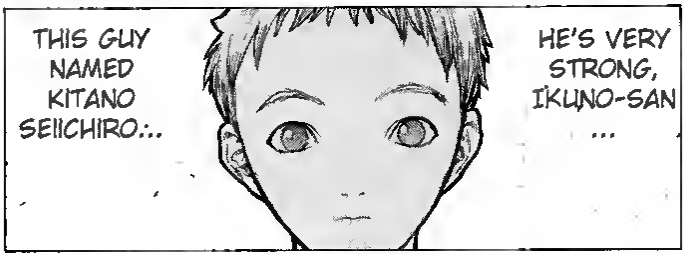
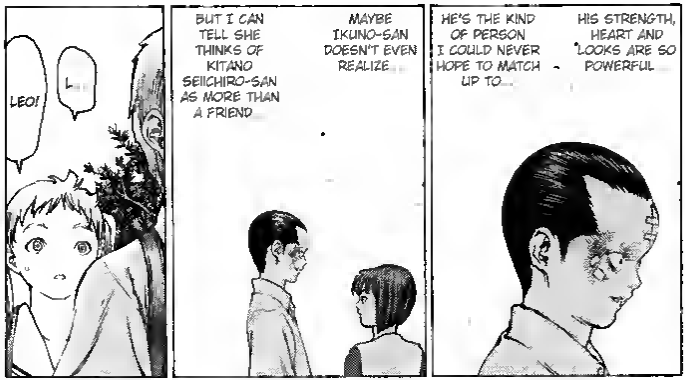
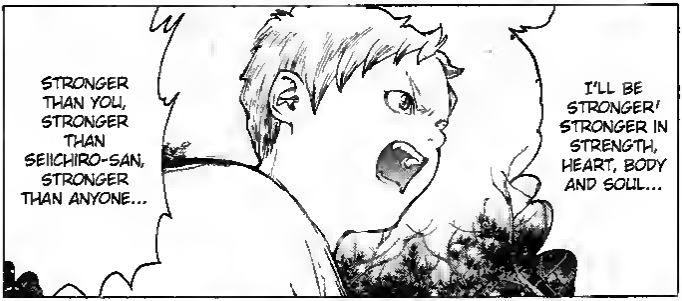
BUT THAT'S SO LIKE YOU.
SORRY FOR BEING A WEIRD FRIEND...
GEEZ, THIS IS ALWAYS HOW YOU ACT!

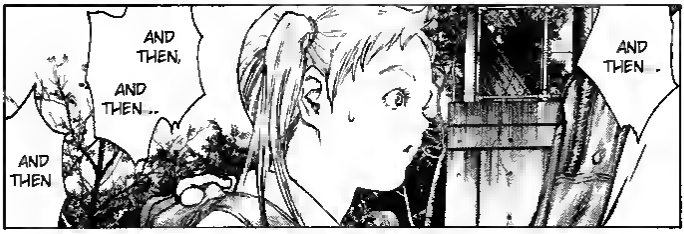

THIS GUY NAMED KITANO SEIICHIRO...
HE'S VERY STRONG, IKUNO-SAN ...


LEO!
L...
BUT I CAN TELL SHE THINKS OF KITANO SEIICHIRO-SAN AS MORE THAN A FRIEND...
MAYBE IKUNO-SAN DOESN'T EVEN REALIZE...
HE'S THE KIND OF PERSON I COULD NEVER HOPE TO MATCH UP TO...
HIS STRENGTH, HEART AND LOOKS ARE SO POWERFUL...

IKUNO-SAN!!
AAH!
!


STRONGER THAN YOU, STRONGER THAN SEIICHIRO-SAN, STRONGER THAN ANYONE...
I'LL BE STRONGER! STRONGER IN STRENGTH, HEART, BODY AND SOUL...

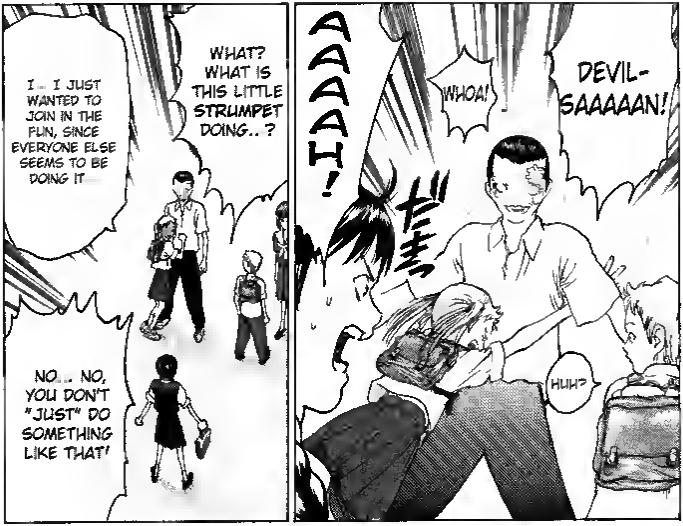
I WILL MAKE MYSELF STRONGER EVEN THAN HIM!!
NO MATTER IF THE REAL DEVIL HIMSELF IS MY OPPONENT..

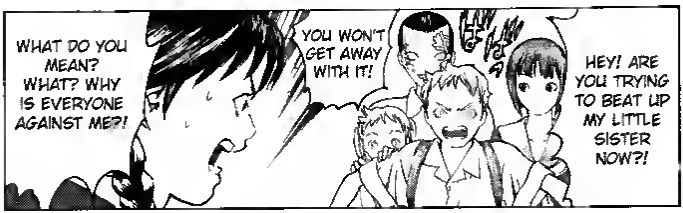

AND THEN,
AND THEN...
AND THEN
AND THEN...

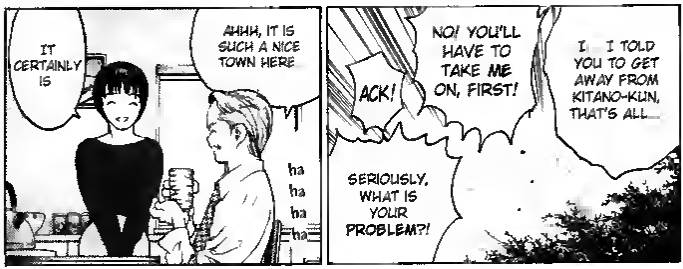
I'LL BE STRONG ENOUGH TO SAVE IKUNO-SAN ALL ON MY OWN!!!
AND THEN I'LL BE STRONG ENOUGH TO PROTECT IKUNO-SAN ...

WH...T'S THAT LITTLE BOY'S PROBLEM...?
WH... WHAT?

WH... WHAT? WHAT DO YOU MEAN, POISON FANGS...
IS THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN
HUH?
HUH?
ONE DAY, YOU'LL HAVE TO SAVE ME FROM THE POISON FANGS OF THE DEVIL.
OKAY. YOU DO THAT.
YES MA'AM!
NO, I HEARD YOU, ALL RIGHT! LOUD AND CLEAR!
YOU MUST HAVE MISHEARD
DID I SAY THAT?
AAAH!
HEY! DON'T YOU PICK ON IKUNO-SAN!
W-WHAT'S HE DOING?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?! OF COURSE YOU SAID IT!
I THINK YOU IMAGINED IT
HMM, I DON'T REMEMBER.


I... I JUST WANTED TO JOIN IN THE FUN, SINCE EVERYONE ELSE SEEMS TO BE DOING IT...
WHAT? WHAT IS THIS LITTLE STRUMPET DOING..?
NO... NO, YOU DON'T "JUST" DO SOMETHING LIKE THAT!
AAAAH!
WHOA!
DEVIL-SAAAAAN!
HUH?


WHAT DO YOU MEAN? WHAT? WHY IS EVERYONE AGAINST ME?!
YOU WON'T GET AWAY WITH IT!
HEY! ARE YOU TRYING TO BEAT UP MY LITTLE SISTER NOW?!


IT CERTAINLY IS
AHHH, IT IS SUCH A NICE TOWN HERE
ha ha ha ha
ACK!
NO! YOU'LL HAVE TO TAKE ME ON, FIRST!
I... I TOLD YOU TO GET AWAY FROM KITANO-KUN, THAT'S ALL...
SERIOUSLY, WHAT IS YOUR PROBLEM?!

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ACT.76 - Days of Our Youth Part 1

18 years before
Kitano-kun and
Ikuno ever fought
each other...

In a place far from
where Ryoko and Leo
would quarrel, there
was a man known as
the legendary guardian.

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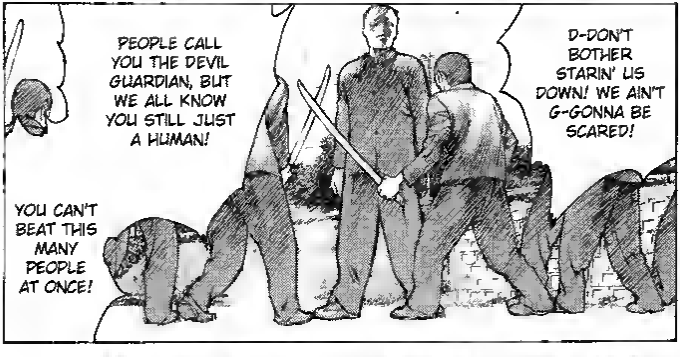
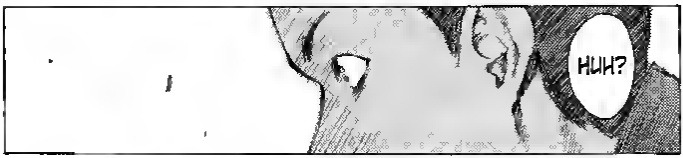

PEOPLE CALL YOU THE DEVIL GUARDIAN, BUT WE ALL KNOW YOU STILL JUST A HUMAN!
D-DON'T BOTHER STARIN' US DOWN! WE AIN'T G-GONNA BE SCARED!
YOU CAN'T BEAT THIS MANY PEOPLE AT ONCE!

BITCH!
WHY DON'T YOU SAY SOME-THING,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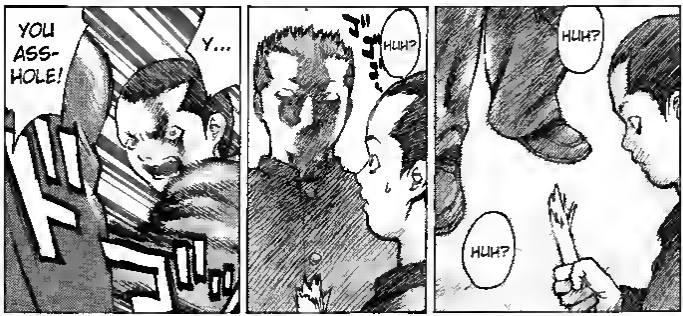
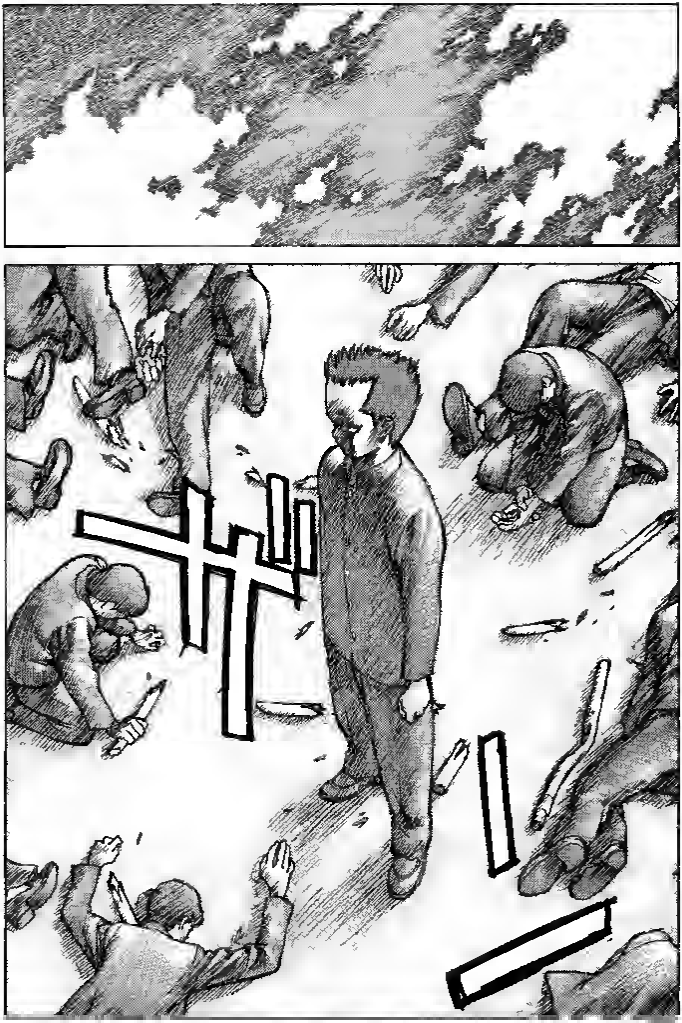

YOU ASS-HOLE!
Y...
ゴゴゴ...
HUH?
HUH?
HUH?

GAH...
!!!
AKHH...
NNG!
WHAT THE FUCK ARE YOU DOING? C'MON!
W...
H-HEY!
HEY... YOU OKAY?!
WE HAVE TO ATTACK ALL AT ONCE!
RAAAAHH!!

HEYA!
DAAH!
DORYAAAA!
DEYAAAA!
CRUSH HIM!
S-SUR-ROUND HIM!
GO!
DARH!
AGH!
DORYAAAAA!
GAA!
DEYAA!



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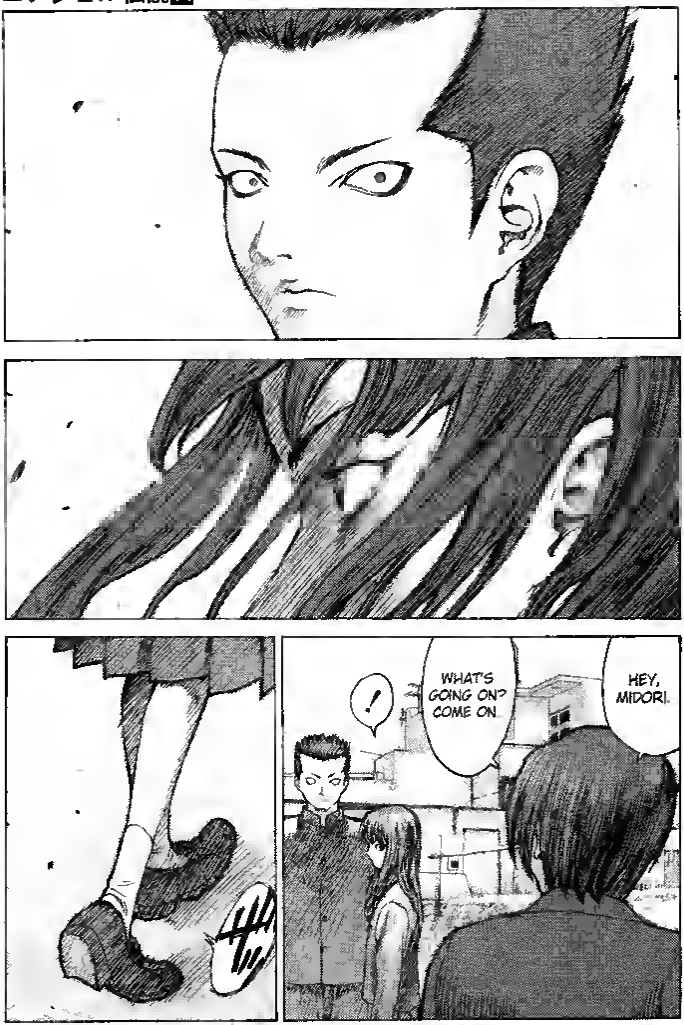
IT... HURTS
MY MY LEG...
URGH...
GAH...
GAH...
AND LET US CRUSH OUR OWN FISTS AND LEGS...
YOU JUST LET US DO ALL THE ATTACKING...
!
YOU DIDN'T EVEN MAKE A SINGLE MOVE ON YOUR OWN
YOU...
!
THE DEVIL GUARDIAN
THE TERROR OF...
-scrape-


HEY, MIDORI.
WHAT'S GOING ON? COME ON.
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Smirk
PRETTY IMPRESSIVE DEVIL GUARDIAN.
I NEVER THOUGHT YOU'D BEAT ALL THESE FOOLS WITHOUT MOVING A FINGER YOURSELF.
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USELESS FREAKIN' THUGS.
I THOUGHT, MAYBE THEY WON'T BEAT YOU, BUT THEY'LL AT LEAST GIVE ME SOME INSIGHT INTO YOUR STYLE,
BUT I SHOULD HAVE KNOWN BETTER THAN TO EXPECT ANYTHING FROM THEM
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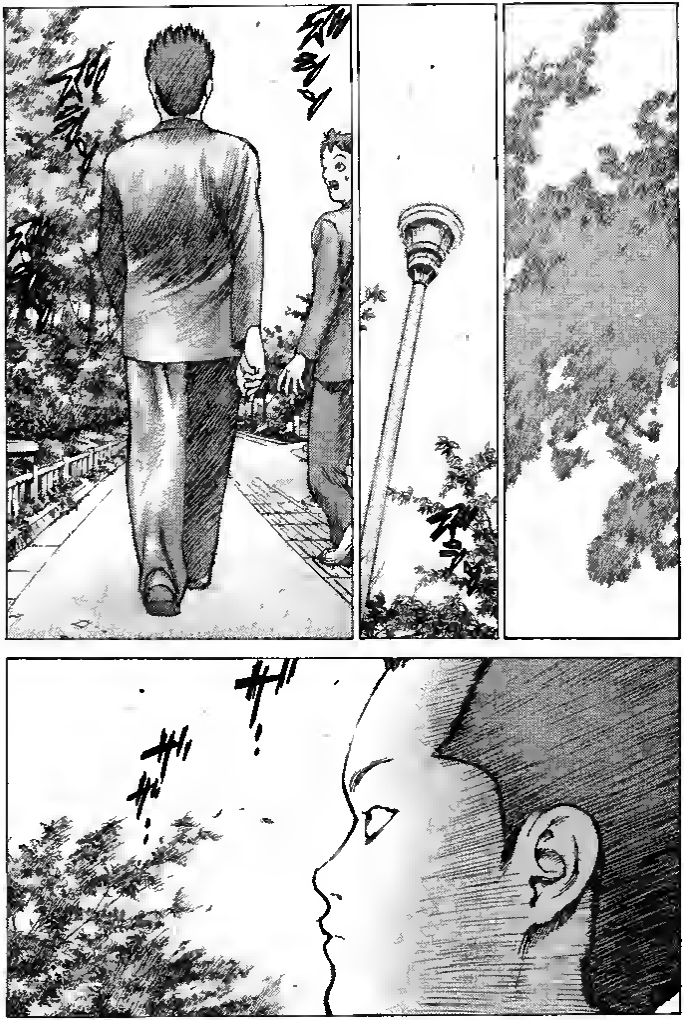
I'M ASAI, FROM SAKUFU HIGH SCHOOL!
REMEMBER THAT! IT'S THE NAME OF THE MAN WHO WILL BEAT YOU BLOODY!
LATER, DEVIL GUARDIAN!
BWAHAHAHA!



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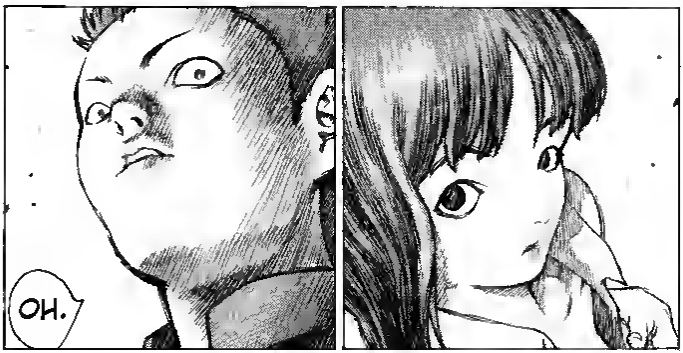
OH.

I... I DIDN'T THINK THAT SOMEONE WOULD BE CHANGING RIGHT IN THE BUSHES!
S... SORRY!
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UM...
I DIDN'T ...
AAAAAH!
AH ...
!!
- THUNK -
HUH?
DID YOU SEE...?
DID...
.....

OH!
Y... YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO LIE IN THAT SITUATION, TO MAKE ME FEEL BETTER...
U-UH...
IT WAS A VERY CLEAR VIEW, SINCE I'M SO TALL!!!
UM, YES!
I SWEAR, I DID NOT GET EVEN THE LEAST BIT OF A PERFECTLY GOOD VIEW!
I'M NOT A VERY GOOD LIAR, BUT I CAN SAY THAT I DIDN'T SEE!
I DIDN'T SEE! I DIDN'T!
UH... I... I'M SORRY!
UMM...
WHY...?
!
~hee hee hee hee...~

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!
I FIGURED YOU WERE SCARIER IN PERSON
YOU'RE NOT QUITE THE WAY YOU LOOK
!
RIGHT
OH!
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I CRAWLED INTO THE SHADE HERE SO I COULD FIND IT AND LET IT GO FREE, BEFORE I ACCIDENTALLY CRUSHED IT...
!
THAT LADYBUG FLEW INTO MY COLLAR AND THEN DOWN INTO MY SHIRT...
!
ALL THOSE PEOPLE, PUNCHING YOU AND KICKING YOU
I'M SORRY ABOUT THIS MORNING...
ASAI CHUJI, THE GUY WHO DECLARED WAR ON YOU THIS MORNING?
did you forget already?
I MEAN, ASAI-KUN.
CHUJI?
CHUJI-KUN ISN'T REALLY THAT EVIL...
HE'S JUST...

OHHHHHHH
Y-YOU DON'T SEEM TO CARE MUCH
NO WONDER THEY CALL YOU THE DEVIL GUARDIAN.
it's a bit annoying
.....
OH
I'M SORRY... I DON'T KNOW YOUR REAL NAME...
UMMM...
I'M ASAI MIDORI...
FIRST-YEAR AT SAKUFU HIGH.
KITANO...!
KITANO RYUICHIRO.
I'M A THIRD-YEAR AT SEIZAN HIGH...
ASAI...?
CHUJI-KUN IS MY COUSIN, SEE...
WE USED TO PLAY TOGETHER WHEN WE WERE KIDS...
AHHHH.
HE USED TO BE VERY NICE BACK THEN...
HE WOULD ALWAYS HELP ME WHEN I GOT PICKED ON...

AND HE SLOWLY BEGAN TO GET INTO FIGHTS SO HE COULD TEST THAT STRENGTH...
BUT EVENTUALLY, CHIJI-KUN NOTICED THAT HE NEVER LOST THOSE FIGHTS...
.....
AND ALL THE BOYS HE CONTROLLED FOLLOWED HIM BECAUSE THEY WERE TERRIFIED OF HIS POWER
THE NEXT THING I KNEW, HE CONTROLLED THE LARGEST HIGH SCHOOL OF THUGS IN THE ENTIRE PREFECTURE ...
OH...
I-I'M SORRY! I DIDN'T MEAN TO TALK ON ABOUT THIS..
SO I TRY TO STAY WITH HIM AND KEEP HIM COMPANY
HE'S SURROUNDED BY ALL THOSE PEOPLE, BUT NONE OF THEM ARE HIS FRIENDS
THAT'S WHY

I THINK THAT IF HE LOSES, CHUJI-KUN WILL COME TO HIS SENSES!
HE MIGHT GO BACK TO BEING THE OLDER, KINDER CHUJI-KUN AGAIN!
PLEASE, KITANO-SAN, PLEASE!
PLEASE, BEAT CHUJI-KUN, KITANO-SAN!
YOU MUST BEAT HIM!
USE YOUR TERRIBLE DEVIL GUARDIAN POWERS TO BEAT HIM UP!
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KITANO-SAN
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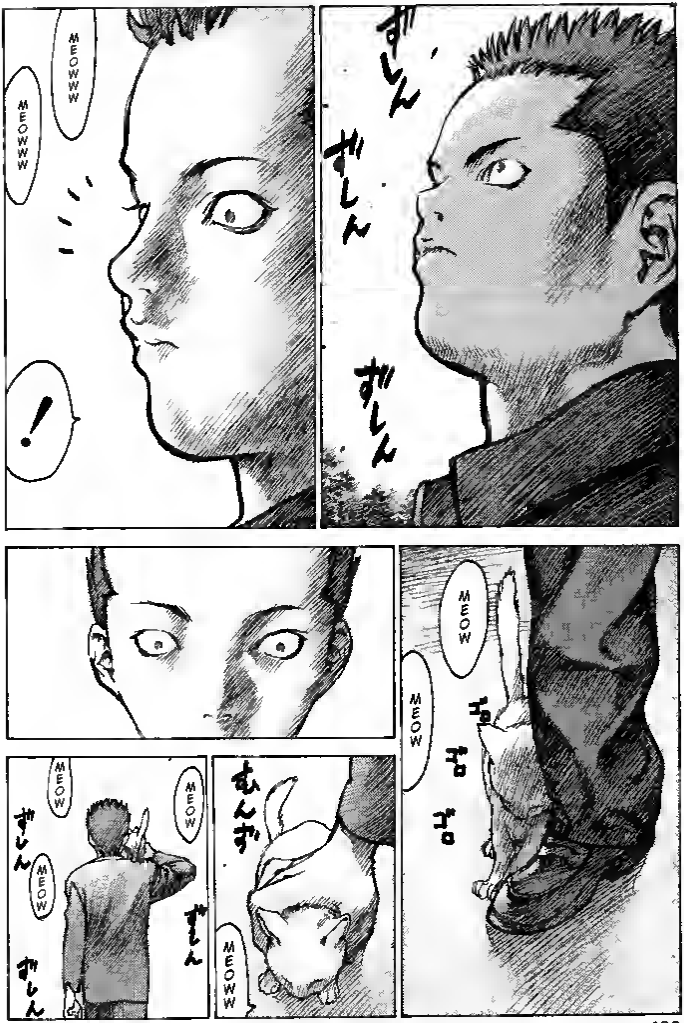
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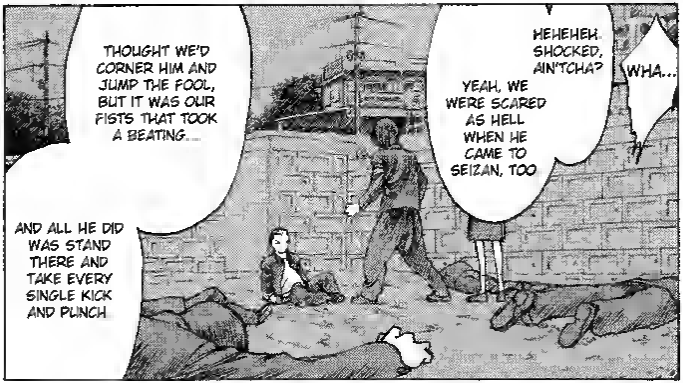
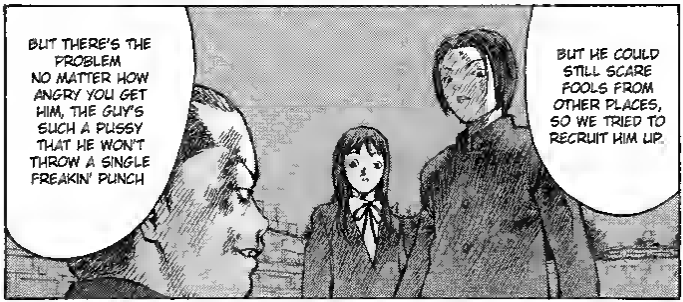
LIGH...
GAAH!

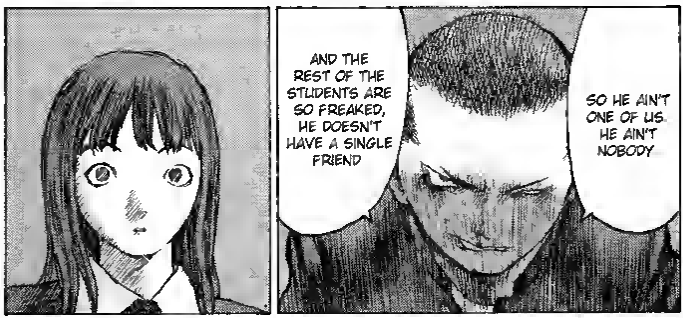
WHAT SCHOOL YOU FROM?
I'M GONNA ASK YOU NOW.
BUT YOU DIDN'T COUNT ON HOW TOUGH I WAS
YOU FUCKED UP. YOU THOUGHT YOU COULD FIGHT NUMBERS WITH NUMBERS...
RRGH!
SEIZAN HIGH.
S
THAT DEVIL GUARDIAN PULLS SOME CHEAP BULLSHIT, I'LL SAY THAT MUCH.
HE USES HIS UNDERLINGS TO DO HIS OWN DIRTY WORK
HEHEHEH. I FIGURED
!

LET'S GO, MIDORI.
THINGS ARE GETTING GOOD.
HEHEH... THE DEVIL GUARDIAN HAS RESPONDED TO OUR CHALLENGE
AAGH!
!
DON'T GET IT WRONG.
D...
HUH?
HE AIN'T ONE OF US.
T-THAT FREAKIN' DEVIL AIN'T NO GUARDIAN OF OURS.

Y-YOU'RE KIDDING THAT FREAK AIN'T OUR GUARDIAN HE DON'T RULE NO ONE
THAT'S JUST WHAT OTHER PEOPLE THINK
YOU JUST SAID YOU WENT TO SEIZAN HIGH.
WHAT THE HELL DOES THAT MEAN?
SEIZAN'S GUARDIAN IS THE FREAKIN' DEVIL DUDE.
HUH?
HE'S JUST A NORMAL STUDENT.
HE DOESN'T SMOKE HE DOESN'T SKIP CLASSES HE DOESN'T SHOW UP LATE HE DOESN'T SPIT ON THE GROUND.
WHAT DOES THAT MEAN, HUH?!
WHAT THE HELL?
HE DOESN'T PICK HIS OWN FIGHTS


WHA...
HEHEHEH. SHOCKED, AIN'TCHA?
YEAH, WE WERE SCARED AS HELL WHEN HE CAME TO SEIZAN, TOO
THOUGHT WE'D CORNER HIM AND JUMP THE FOOL, BUT IT WAS OUR FISTS THAT TOOK A BEATING...
AND ALL HE DID WAS STAND THERE AND TAKE EVERY SINGLE KICK AND PUNCH


BUT HE COULD STILL SCARE FOOLS FROM OTHER PLACES, SO WE TRIED TO RECRUIT HIM UP.
BUT THERE'S THE PROBLEM NO MATTER HOW ANGRY YOU GET HIM, THE GUY'S SUCH A PUSSY THAT HE WON'T THROW A SINGLE FREAKIN' PUNCH


SO HE AIN'T ONE OF US. HE AIN'T NOBODY
AND THE REST OF THE STUDENTS ARE SO FREAKED, HE DOESN'T HAVE A SINGLE FRIEND

THERE HE IS, LAID OUT OVER THERE
THE SECOND GUY YOU BEAT DOWN
!
OHHHHH
HUH...?
THEN... THEN WHO THE HELL IS YOUR GUARDIAN?!
WHAT THE FUCK?!
HA HA!
HYA HA HA!
HYA!
H...
GRRF!
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HILARIOUS! THE SCARIEST, TOUGHEST GUY IN TOWN IS NOTHIN' BUT A GREAT BIG PUSHOVER!
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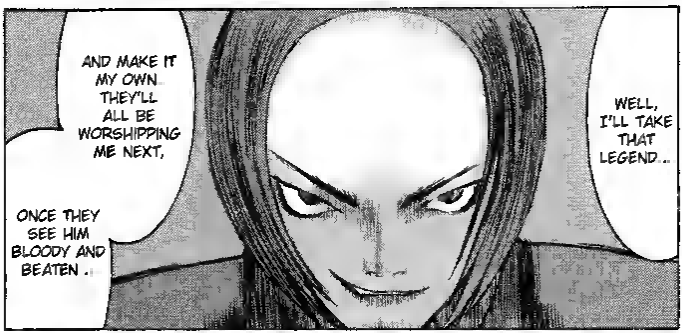
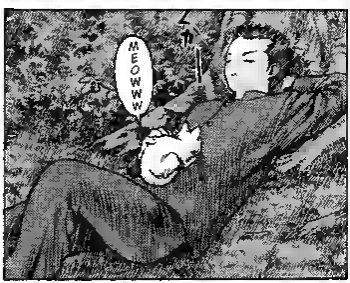
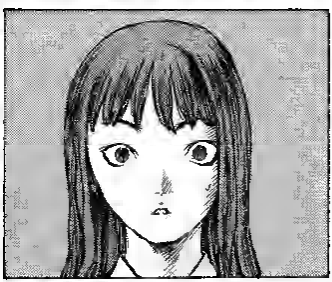
HAAAA HA HA HA HA!







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